

Begin and Peres in bitter wrangle

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Labour chairman Shimon Peres clashed sharply yesterday during an acrimonious session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Begin, replying to Peres's condemnation of the cutting of water supplies to West Beirut, noted that MK Yitzhak Rabin had advocated shutting off the water and tightening the siege. "It is clear that Rabin's attitudes are different from those adopted by Peres and that Peres's views are different from those expounded by (MK Yossi) Sarid, who speaks for the Alignment today," he asked.

To Peres's charge that the Israel Defence Forces should never have reached Beirut and that Israel should have been content with achieving the original goal of a 45 kilometre cordon sanitaire along the country's northern border, Begin admitted that the government had never wanted to enter West Beirut. But, he added, "we could not very well go and advertise this to the whole wide world as some 'in Labour were vociferously advocating.' Had Israel made its inclination not to conquer West Beirut public knowledge, 'the terrorists would have never left the city,' Begin said.

Begin told the committee that he hoped "the active combat phase" of the war had ended with the expulsion of the terrorists from Beirut. "It is my hope that we can say that the actual hostilities have terminated, but no one can pull my tongue and have me say that there is no other possibility," he said. As things stand, Begin said, Israel has no intention of attacking the Syrians, just as it did not intend to attack the Jordanians. "However, it must be clear to all that should we be attacked, we will attack right back," he added.

A senior cabinet source told *The Jerusalem Post* after the meeting that Begin's message was that Israel "will not initiate military action against the Syrians in order to oust them from North Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley." Israel will bide its time and not pull out of Lebanon until the Syrians realize that they have no option but to leave.

Yesterday's Begin-Peres clash was one of the most outspoken face-to-face confrontations between the prime minister and the leader of the opposition.

While admitting that the removal of the terrorists from Beirut was "an achievement," Peres contended that "nevertheless, there was no need to reach Beirut." He also sharply condemned the aerial bombardment of the city which, he said, "wrought irreparable harm to Israel's image in the world." He

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More clashes after Jemayel's election

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
and Agencies

Heavy fighting broke out yesterday in Lebanon's central mountains east of Beirut between Syrian and Christian forces in what appeared to be a reaction to the elections of Bashir Jemayel as Lebanon's next president.

Artillery and heavy machine guns were fired around the villages of Kubbeyh, Krayeh and Ras Al-Harf now occupied by Palestinian and Syrian forces, located along the Beirut-Damascus highway. The three villages stretch on hilltops along a 10-kilometre strip of the highway about 20 km. east of the Lebanese capital.

The Phalangist Voice of Lebanon radio station said one woman was killed and four persons were wounded yesterday, when two rockets fired from Moslem West Beirut crashed into the Christian populated port city of Jounieh, 20 kilometres north of Beirut. Lebanese police said they could not confirm the claim, however.

Police said reprisals against parliament members who voted for Jemayel escalated in West Beirut and Moslem-populated areas in northern Lebanon. Homes were set afire and a 15-year-old boy was killed on the assumption he was the son of Electric Power Minister Mahmoud Ammar, a Moslem parliament member who attended the election session.

The houses and offices of 11 other parliament members who voted for Jemayel were ablaze in West Beirut and the predominantly Moslem port city of Tripoli, 90 kilometres north of the capital.

The PLO had no comment on the reports, but Lebanon's state radio

said the "alarming" flare-up had prompted U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib to hold a conference with Lebanon's Christian President Elias Sarkis and Moslem Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan on ways of halting the hostilities.

There were conflicting reports on who was involved in yesterday's shooting. An IDF captain interviewed in his half-track near here said the Phalangists exchange fire with the leftist militias and the Druze "all the time."

Beirut Radio said yesterday's fighting was between Syrian troops and the IDF. However, an IDF spokesman, as well as officers and men *The Jerusalem Post* interviewed near here denied any involvement. Some said the Phalangists were involved, but there was no official comment from president-elect Jemayel's party.

A Phalangist militiaman interviewed near here said the PLO and leftist militias opened fire Monday while the Christians were celebrating Jemayel's election and resumed shooting yesterday.

Police reported leftist militiamen had seized provincial government houses and police stations in Tripoli and other northern Lebanese towns in what appeared to be a mutiny against Jemayel's election.

Leftist gunmen in West Beirut have, since Monday's election, attacked the homes or offices of Parliament members in protest against Jemayel's election, police said. Nobody was hurt.

The Bank of Beirut and Riyadh in West Beirut's Hamra commercial district also was blown up and looted overnight, police said. The bank's board of directors includes a

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Shultz invites Sharon to meet during U.S. visit

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has invited Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to meet him on Friday in Washington during a brief visit by Sharon to the U.S. on a fund-raising mission.

The minister will address a nationwide fund-raisers gathering in Washington on Saturday evening, and will appear on the CBS *Face the Nation* programme on Sunday morning.

Defence Ministry sources emphasized that Sharon had not asked for any meeting with Shultz or with anybody else, either during the upcoming visit or earlier in the month (as some reports had suggested).

Failing to invite an Israeli cabinet minister in the U.S. on a fund-raising mission to meet an American official of cabinet rank would constitute a blatant snub. No such incident from the past can be recalled.

It was not known last night when

Sharon plans to depart for Washington.

The Post's Washington correspondent adds:

Two weeks ago, when the Beirut crisis was at its height, there were initial contacts concerning moving Sharon's visit and meetings with administration members. But the Americans did not encourage the prospect.

On the background of the U.S. administration's reservations about Sharon's part in escalating the Beirut fighting, there were no moves to arrange a meeting after that either.

But yesterday, the State Department announced that if Sharon comes, Shultz will be willing to meet with him. Israel Embassy sources, who had been instructed to refrain from asking for such a meeting to avoid the embarrassment of a refusal, concluded from this that it would be arranged.

Tomorrow, Sharon is to meet in New York with heads of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

Israel relents on landing of peace force

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Israel has agreed to allow the American and Italian contingents of the multinational force to take up station in Beirut from today, rather than insist that they land only after the bulk of the terrorists have left.

While some Israeli officials represent this as a concession to accelerate the pace of the "expulsion," as they term the process, the fact is that without more soldiers to assist the French, who arrived first, it would have been impossible to have commenced the overland evacuation, which was postponed last night.

The alteration in the schedule of the multinational force was agreed upon by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and U.S. diplomat Morris Draper in a meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday. Draper is the chief aide of mediator Philip Habib.

In addition to the troops required to hold the port area — who will come from the U.S. contingent — other troops will be needed to man the staging area from which vehicles will leave for Damascus. The French contingent will hand the port area over to the Americans and will move to safeguard the exit point for overland departures.

It was decided yesterday that a number of Syrian soldiers in West Beirut will depart by sea for Latakia, in Syria, instead of going overland. Syria will be allowed to send heavy vehicles into West Beirut to remove its equipment.

The Egyptian freighter *Louis* carrying medical supplies to West Beirut, which was prevented from unloading on the express orders of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, apparently will now be permitted to unload. A group of Egyptian opposition parliamentarians are aboard the ship and reportedly intended making a propaganda event out of the distribution of the supplies in West Beirut.

Begin first ruled that the Egyptian MPs must be kept offshore, along with the medicines. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali then lodged a protest with Israeli ambassador Moshe Sasson and Begin apparently relented yesterday, ruling that the MPs could be off-loaded but that the MPs had to stay on board.

Meanwhile, mystery surrounds the matter of identification of the departing PLO members and their registration on name-lists.

Israel demanded such identification during the evacuation negotiations, but the Habib plan makes no mention of this point.

Journalists and photographers close to the port report that for the first four days of the evacuation, identities were apparently not checked, names not registered and lists not drawn up. The matter of the women and children who were

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All evacuations may be by sea PLO land exit delayed —fighting along route

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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BAHAM DOUN. — Some 500 PLO terrorists who were to be evacuated overland to Syria this morning will sail to Latakia port instead. The change may be followed by additional sea evacuations, and the land route may be discarded completely, an IDF spokesman reported last night.

At a late night briefing after a meeting between commanders of the multinational force, Israel and the Lebanese Army, the spokesman said it is clear the parties are "not ready" for the land evacuation. Syria then informed the U.S. it would accept a ship at Latakia.

The Sol Giorgios, which had evacuated PLO men earlier this week, will return to Beirut port this morning to pick up the 500 evacuees. If all goes well, it may be back tomorrow too, the spokesman added.

He rejected as speculation reports that the sea route was chosen because it was too dangerous to drive the men overland. But he did say the PLO preferred the sea voyage, and Israel had agreed.

There were indications that the U.S. had considered such an option long ago, a source said. This explains why they were even ready with a ship, the source said.

The evacuation by sea will continue as scheduled, the IDF spokesman said. Today a ship will carry PLO men to Sudan, and the group will leave for North Yemen on Friday.

In Washington, administration spokesmen said the U.S. Marines will land in Beirut, regardless of skirmishes being fought in the city between Syrian-leftist forces and backers of Lebanese president-elect Bashir Jemayel.

A Pentagon spokesman added, however, that there could still be obstacles to the deployment. He said that a military team has already gone in to make contact with the French and to assess the ground situation. Things have been tranquil as far as the French are concerned, the spokesman noted, but "nasty

wrinkles are always possible."

The exact time of the deployment will be determined by special envoy Philip Habib in conjunction with the Pentagon, the spokesman said. Once the Marines land, the situation will be monitored around the clock.

Earlier, Habib discussed with Lebanese intermediaries final preparations for the overland evacuation plan. Lebanon's state radio reported. His meeting with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan also dealt with means to curb hostilities along the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The State Department spokesman called the situation concerning the Syrian and militia outbreaks "a little confused," but in an answer to a question, he termed it an "internal matter" which does not call for American diplomatic intervention.

After the U.S. Marines are in place, French Legionnaires at the Beirut port will move to the museum, a main crossing point on the "Green Line" separating West Beirut from the Israeli-occupied east side.

Simultaneously, the first group of PLO members of the pro-Syrian Saika organization were to have set off for Damascus by bus.

The final move set for today is the arrival of an Italian contingent in the multi-national force and its deployment at another crossing point on the Green Line, Galerie Samaan.

Meanwhile the evacuation of PLO members by sea continued yesterday. Some 700 men sailed on the Cypriot Sol Express to North Yemen.

The evacuation procedure seems to have taken on a routine. Sporadic fire from West Beirut which continued throughout the morning was intensified and accompanied by RPG and anti-aircraft guns when the white vessel neared the port.

The departees arrived on trucks led by jeeps with their headlights on. They drove to a building near the ship, and the men, carrying a Palestinian flag and their organization's green and red flags descended. Some chanted and some waved the "V" sign. They disap-

peared into a building, and emerged a few minutes later to board the ship.

The entire evacuation lasted about 1½ hours. The departing contingent comprised mostly Fatah members, but it was impossible to find out exactly how many were involved. Two men with what appeared to be tally sheets at the municipal stadium assembly centre in West Beirut's bombed-out Fekhani neighbourhood said about 1,000 were leaving. So did the PLO's radio station and the Lebanon state radio. But reporters on the scene said that no more than 600 actually boarded.

The stadium near Arafat's devastated command headquarters and surrounding streets were filled with crowds of people in and out of uniform for the traditional send-off of wild shooting in the air.

Police said three persons have been killed and 21 wounded in West Beirut's farewell gunfire for the PLO.

The truck convoy wound its way slowly through the city in a noisy parade, preceded to the western entrance of the port by jeeploads of shouting supporters with sirens blaring.

Adding to the din at the port entrance, a youth who appeared to be no more than 13 years old fired rocket-propelled grenades into a wall just a few feet away as calm legionnaires, casually leaning against the sandbagged entrance, watched without blinking an eye.

Reporters on the scene said that no more than 600 people left on the ship.

A total of 2,192 PLO members were evacuated to Jordan, Iraq and South Yemen in the last three days, according to PLO and Lebanese government spokesmen. The overland exodus was scheduled to last until September 4, according to the Habib plan.

In the U.S., President Ronald Reagan assured UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that American marines dispatched to Beirut would not engage in combat.

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El Al union votes to ignore Sabbath edict

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al workers were told by their union yesterday to ignore management orders to ground the airline on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Representatives of some of the country's largest unions meet today to decide on counter-measures to the government decision to shut down the national carrier's Sabbath operations.

Among the operative measures to be debated will be a massive wave of strikes, it was learned. During the past few days El Al has received cables and calls of support from other workers committees, as well as suggestions on how to continue the fight.

The Knesset Finance Committee also convenes today to ratify the edict.

"El Al employees must not obey the management's orders to close down the airline on Saturdays and holidays," a circular distributed by El Al's workers committees to the employees said yesterday.

"The employees shall not cancel reservations, change the flight timetable or stop selling tickets for Saturdays and holidays," the circular said. It said that employees will fight the edict jointly, in light of what it called the indifference of elected officials, the government and Knesset to the "imminent destruction" of El Al.

El Al workers committees spokesman Gabi Saltzman said that closing the airline on Saturdays and holidays constitutes a violation of their labour agreement. If the management violates the agreement, the workers will not be bound to their end of it, he said.

Saltzman said the government, which owns El Al, cheated the air-

line by not fulfilling its commitments according to the recovery programme signed some two years ago.

"In exchange for reducing our salaries, the government promised to transfer ownership of four new aircraft to El Al and to enlarge the airline's capital," he said. "But the government failed to do so, leaving us, the workers, as the only investors in the airline. Now, in the light of the government's cheating and the death blow it is about to inflict on El Al, in which we see ourselves as partners, we demand repayment of the funds we contributed."

He noted that the 7½ per cent deducted from the workers' salaries for the past two years now totals some 170 per cent of each worker's salary.

Histadrut representatives are also due to attend the meeting of the El Al and other powerful workers committees, including the seamen's, the Electric Corporation's, the communications engineers', the Dead

Sea plants workers' and others. Shlomo Avitan of the Seamen's Union, who is also the coordinator of the 13 large workers committees, promised yesterday that the workers committees' support for El Al will be more than "merely moral."

El Al's staff representatives intend to be present at today's Finance Committee meeting. "We discovered at Monday's meeting that most committee members had no idea of the implications of closing the airline down Saturdays and knew very little about the entire issue," Saltzman said. He added, however, that the workers have little hope of influencing the committee's vote.

At Monday's meeting the workers explained to committee members that in addition to the severe financial losses and massive dismissals that would result from the week-end closures, El Al's ground and service workers would have to continue working on Sabbath for foreign airlines.

Sharon to meet village league leaders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon is to meet this morning with the leaders of four village leagues from the Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah and Nablus areas, according to two of the men summoned.

The four men were asked to meet Sharon at 10:30 this morning at the Judea and Samaria civil administration headquarters at Beit El. They were not informed what the agenda of the meeting was to be, but assume that Sharon will want to discuss the proposed Palestinian autonomy with them.

The Defence Ministry had no comment last night on the meeting.

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Tiberias	24-35	35
Nazareth	21-30	31
Afula	21-31	31
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Yotvata	22-31	31
Be'er Sheva	22-31	31
Jericho	22-31	31
Qalqilya	22-31	31
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Diplomatic Corps yesterday held a farewell luncheon at the Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem in honour of the departing Peruvian ambassador, Dr. Alejandro San Martin Caro, who has completed his term of duty.

The Mexican ambassador, Dr. Alfonso de Garay, will be the guest speaker of the Haifa Rotary Club at the Noi Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Marriage

WEISS-GERSHON: Tali, daughter of Yona and Shalom Weiss, to Amir, son of Lea and Aryeh Gershon, on Tuesday, August 24, 1982, in Pardes Hanna.

ARRIVALS

Jack J. Spitzer, President B'nai B'rith International, for meetings with Heads of State and B'nai B'rith leadership in Israel.

11 Argentine families arrive in South

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Eleven families from Argentina arrived at an absorption centre yesterday. They are the vanguard of the "1,000 families in the Negev" project, which hopes to attract that number of Argentine families to the south.

Another five families are due to arrive Sunday and several more in October.

Whether the 1,000 figure is reached is an open question, and the answer may lie not so much in Negev's desirability as in the difficult situation in Argentina today, especially for Jews.

Most of the new immigrants are merchants and will probably have to learn another trade.

Some 1,500 families from Argentina and other Latin American countries have already been successfully absorbed in Beersheba.

Levy slightly hurt as car skids into wall

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MA'ALEH ADUMIM. — Deputy Prime Minister David Levy was slightly injured yesterday when his car hit a stone wall. His driver also sustained bruises.

The car was travelling from Jerusalem to Beit She'an. Near Ma'ale Adumim, the car skidded on an oil slick, hit a stone wall and came to a stop.

A passing driver brought Levy to his home in Beit She'an at the minister's request.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Rabin speaks out against renewing war in N. Lebanon

Forcing the terrorists and the Syrians out of the Bekaa Valley and northern Lebanon, and the creation of a stable government there, "are not aims worth starting a large-scale war for," former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Speaking to the Jerusalem Economic Club yesterday, Rabin said that while these aims are desirable to Israel, he sees no justification to initiating action which would risk the life of even one soldier for such objectives.

The Labour MK noted that there is almost complete identity of purpose between the Lebanese government, Israel and the U.S. concerning the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and restoring its sovereignty. Therefore, the diplomatic process should be given a chance, with Israel's contribution being that the IDF will remain in Lebanon and continue to help the Christian fighters.

"After the PLO leaves Beirut," Rabin advised, "we should make ourselves more scarce in the city itself. This would be for our own good and that of the newly elected president. But we should remain on the Beirut-Damascus highway and try to strengthen the cease-fire with the Syrians. That would help the U.S. achieve our goals by diplomatic means."

Surveying the outcome of Operation Peace for Galilee, Rabin said

that with the completion of the PLO exodus from Beirut, the organization could be considered eliminated from there and from South Lebanon.

At the same time, however, Rabin stressed that the PLO has not been destroyed militarily and politically, not even in the rest of Lebanon, since there are some 5,000 terrorists between the Bekaa Valley and Tripoli.

Turning to the Palestinian problem, Rabin said the world sees the Lebanon war as the first Israeli-Palestinian war since the early stages of the War of Independence. As such, it sharpened and highlighted the Palestinian issue. He advised Israel not to let the 250,000 or so refugees in Beirut and South Lebanon remain in tent cities this winter, "because otherwise, millions around the world will view the scene on their televisions."

But he suggested that Israel not rush to treat the Palestinian problem. Rather, it should "let the non-positive sediment sink in international consciousness," and only then, continue with the peace process.

Finally, though he recalled that he had supported tightening the siege of Beirut, including water and electricity cuts and bombing raids, Rabin criticized the Air Force action just before the final cease-fire as excessive. (Itim)

First Israeli planes land at Beirut international airport

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — Two light Israel Air Force planes yesterday landed at Beirut's international airport for the first time, but the facility is still far from ready to handle normal commercial traffic.

Air Force officials indicated — but none would say for sure — that they hope to fly soldiers here as they do to the Eden airfield near Nabatiya.

The airport was reactivated at 11 a.m., when a Beechcraft landed. Several minutes later a Cessna touch down. The landings were made possible after firing from nearby Ouzai and Burj al-Barajna refugee camps had stopped, and after some repairs to the runway.

The runways, which were built to

serve large planes such as the Boeing 747, were not destroyed in the fighting, so the Air Force had several alternative sites for its aircraft.

It installed its own control tower, and communication equipment is operated mostly from trucks.

The airport's main terminal was deserted except for alley cats and some Lebanese gendarmes, who parked their motorcycles in the departure lounge. The building is dirty, glass fragments are strewn on rugs and the duty-free shops are empty, with cartons formerly holding children's toys. Scotch whisky and French cognac were strewn on the floor.

Considerable work will also be required in the damaged control tower.

Kreisky admits his Palestinian bias

BONN (Reuters). — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said in an article released yesterday that there was no question of his taking part in any further Middle East mediation initiatives as he had become partisan in favour of the Palestinians.

Writing in the West German weekly magazine *Der Stern*, which released his article ahead of publication this week, Kreisky said that the war in Lebanon had cost Israel "all the sympathy and support which it received in the last decades." He said the world fears

"the madness of its [Israel's] leaders, who rely only on their weapons," adding: "I want nothing more to do with Israel."

Kreisky's article dealt with the years he had devoted to seeking a peaceful solution to the Middle East problem. He wrote that he would now speak out for what he called the persecuted and suppressed (Palestinians) wherever he could. He said the Palestinians "must try to retain...the sympathy they have won in recent weeks, until people in the U.S. and Israel realize that things cannot go on as they have."

Reagan given file on Lebanese infant

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday sent U.S. President Ronald Reagan the results of his ministry's probe into the case of the Lebanese infant Elie Massu, who was claimed by UPI photographer Fadi Mitri to have lost both arms in an Israeli air raid.

Reagan, who kept a photograph of the boy on his desk, upbraided Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir about the case when Shamir visited him in Washington.

The ministry's probe showed that the infant is a four-month-old boy

and not a girl as UPI claimed. His arms were not amputated, and he has almost recovered from a fracture and burns.

Shostak wrote to Reagan that since the photo caused as much shock here as it did in Washington, he decided to check the facts, and found the UPI story inaccurate.

UPI said the infant was hurt in a building that was mistakenly bombed by the IAF. A check by the IAF showed that the building, which is in East Beirut, was not bombed. The assumption is that PLO artillery caused the damage and casualties.

PLO tourism 'observer' hears Sharir speak

Jerusalem Post Reporter

With the PLO observer listening, Tourism Minister Abraham Sharir yesterday called upon the World Tourism Conference, meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, to condemn terrorism, ministry officials reported in Jerusalem.

As expected, the PLO did succeed in attaining observer status at the conference yesterday, but its delegate was not given the floor. Sit-

ting in the last row, the PLO representative heard Sharir call upon all international organizations to denounce terrorism as a threat to world peace.

The Communist bloc delegates sat stone-faced as Sharir called upon them to allow their citizens to visit Israel as tourists and thus correct the distorted image of the country as it is conveyed by their governments.

Israeli Maronites want to congratulate Jemayel

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Representatives of the Maronite community of Israel yesterday asked the authorities to permit a small delegation to go to Beirut to congratulate Bashir Jemayel on his election as president.

Rassan Matanes, a Haifa lawyer,

said the Israeli Maronites are convinced that Jemayel's election will open a new chapter in Lebanese-Israeli relations. They intend to call on him to sign a peace treaty with Israel and also to protect the rights of Lebanon's Moslems and Druse.

The Israeli Maronite community numbers about 5,000, most of whom live in the Galilee, Haifa and Acre.

Law urged against anti-state views

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A law which would punish persons who speak or write against the state and public employees who are "negligent" in absorbing new immigrants, has been proposed by Maoz, a voluntary association devoted to fighting for the right of aliyah from the Soviet Union.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, Maoz's Golda Yellin said the law would punish "spiritual terrorists" who support and encourage enemies of Zionism. Another sec-

tion of the law would punish those who have information about the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union and in other lands of oppression but who fail to make that information known.

She said that a few MKs have responded favourably to drafts of the law sent them, but Justice Minister Moshe Nissim wrote in reply that Zionism can defend itself and that education, not legal measures, is the cure for the ills Maoz wants to remedy.

City of David finds include First Temple citadel wall

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The massive, stepped structure uncovered in Jerusalem's City of David excavations this summer served as a revetment wall supporting the citadel of Jerusalem in the First Temple period.

This conclusion was offered yesterday by Dr. Yigal Shiloah of the Hebrew University at a press conference summarizing the fifth season of excavations at the City of David. The site was excavated down to its base during this summer's dig.

Early unofficial speculation that the 16-metre high structure might be connected with the tombs of the royal House of David were disproved by deep probes into the heart of the structure.

Shiloah found that the stepped structure from the Solomonic or Davidic era rested atop another massive foundation wall, which apparently served the Canaanite citadel of Jerusalem. In the area above the support wall lay the Citadel of David, the royal palace and other royal structures.

The Jebusite city captured by David also offered for the first time the remains of buildings and ceramic items. Also found were two handsome chalices and a cultic stand which, said Shiloah, were either from the City of David or its Jebusite predecessor.

Perhaps the most striking find of the season was a room containing 53 seal impressions, or bullae, dating to



A 16-metre-high stepped structure in controversial Area G of the City of David excavations in Jerusalem served to support a citadel in the Israelite king's capital, archeologists have concluded. (Y. Harari)

the end of the First Temple period. The bullae, which were impressed with personal seals closing papyrus documents, contain names identical or almost identical to personal names mentioned in the Bible.

One of the bullae bears the name of Gemaryahu son of Shafan, who lived in the time of the Prophet Jeremiah and served as scribe to King Yehyachin on the eve of Jerusalem's destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BCE.

According to the Bible, his father was also a royal scribe. The room, said Shiloah, was apparently an office related to the royal administration.

"Comparison between these

names and the individuals mentioned in the Bible who were active in the royal court in Jerusalem may, in the near future, shed additional light on the persons and events of this dramatic period in the history of Jerusalem," he said.

The bullae were found in a level plainly dating from the Babylonian destruction. Also found in the thick level of soot were arrowheads.

These finds were made in the controversial fringe of Area G, where ultra-Orthodox demonstrators attempted to prevent digging during the last two seasons, alleging that the site was a medieval Jewish cemetery.

Shiloah said the demonstrations

had slackened this year, as many ultra-Orthodox elements have come to accept that the site was not a cemetery. He praised the police and other authorities who had made it possible for the excavations to be conducted undisturbed this year.

Among the many attractive small finds this summer was an eight-sided "dice" with one to eight dots on each face. Shiloah said test-tosses had established that the die was not "loaded." However, tests on a number of shakel weighing stones established that their owners had worn them down a bit to provide less than fair weight.

Although the excavations had initially been planned for only five seasons, Shiloah said yesterday that a sixth season will be conducted next summer and preparations made for restoring the site as part of the archaeological park being developed along the southern rim of the Old City. Included in the park will be the ancient underground water system, surrounding "Warren's Shaft" which has been cleared for a length of 40 metres.

Shiloah said he hopes the authorities will permit him to extend Area G into a marginal area which was left there pending this season in order to verify that there were no medieval graves under the surfaces.

Shiloah said the area could be important archeologically.

The excavations were carried out by the City of David Society, which includes the Institute of Archeology of the Hebrew University, the Israel Exploration Society, the Jerusalem Foundation and a group of sponsors from South Africa, headed by Mendel Kaplan. Additional aid was provided by U.S. patrons, the Rothschild Foundation's Yehuda Fund and the Jerusalem Municipality. Most of the work was carried out by volunteers from abroad and Israel.

IDF not made welcome in 2 east Lebanese villages

By MENACHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Tension is rising between residents of villages northeast of Lake Karoun and the IDF, soldiers have reported.

Posters and slogans expressing support for the PLO and Syria have been pasted and scrawled on houses in the villages of Kamad al-Luz and Jab Jenin, apparently by local residents who in the past cooperated with the PLO and Syria.

"Zionist invaders go home," read a slogan on one wall.

Residents of these two villages, as well as Amik and Mansura, are known to have collaborated with

the Syrians and the PLO, most of them voluntarily and some due to threats. Most area residents are Moslems, and a few are Christians.

IDF soldiers say that the behaviour of these villagers towards them is cool, and sometimes even hostile. This is in contrast to the atmosphere in most Lebanese towns and cities. The IDF has opened an investigation to find those responsible for the posters and slogans.

The villages in question are all close to the Bekaa front, and residents are concerned that any cooperation with the IDF will cost them when and if the Syrians return to the area.

Three IDF fallen are buried

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three IDF fallen, whose bodies were returned by the terrorists last week, were laid to rest yesterday.

Turali Albert Ben-Ezra, who died in the Litani Operation, was buried in the Hof Hacamel cemetery in Haifa. Albert, who was 32 at the time of his death, was born in Morocco and immigrated to Israel at the age of 18. He served in a combat engineer unit. He leaves a wife and two children.

Samal Shmuel Sultan, 21, from Nahariya, was buried in the

Ashkelon military cemetery. He was captured alive by the terrorists when attempting to rescue a wounded comrade and was killed while in captivity. He leaves his mother and four young brothers.

Zvi Rosenberg, 17, from Haifa, was buried in the Hof Hacamel cemetery in Haifa. An outstanding graduate of the army ordinance boarding academy, Rosenberg was apparently killed while helping a wounded soldier in his personnel carrier. He leaves his parents, a brother and a sister.

MORE CLASHES

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Moslem member of parliament who participated in the election.

While Christians in East Beirut and the Mount Lebanon hinterland rejoiced over Jemayel's election, Moslem politicians who boycotted the election session met in West Beirut and issued a statement that declared their intention to "organize a national confrontation."

Leftist Moslems fought alongside the PLO in Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war against a Jemayel-led coalition of rightist Christian militias known as the "Lebanese Forces." In his first post-election statement to the press, Jemayel offered a "fresh start" and said his hand was stretched out to all Lebanese for a national reconciliation "without any settling of accounts."

Jemayel said yesterday that he absolutely opposes any division of Lebanon between Moslem and Christian elements and stressed that one of his main aims is to rid Lebanon of all foreign forces.

In an interview with Israeli Radio, the 34-year-old leader of the Christian Phalange, who is scheduled to take office on September 23, said that it is imperative that Lebanon achieve a national consensus on a variety of internal matters before it could deal with other problems.

Jemayel fielded a question about future relations with Israel by noting that this is one of the issues the new Lebanese government would have to resolve. He also said that once the evacuation of the PLO from Beirut is completed he hopes that U.S. Ambassador Philip Habib would continue negotiations to guarantee their removal from other parts of the Lebanon.

Israel Television last night quoted Jemayel as saying that the signing of peace with Israel would be among questions to be discussed by the next Lebanese government. Jemayel also said he hopes all foreign forces will leave Lebanon, and that the Syrians will leave peacefully.

Comptroller asked to probe army radio

Jerusalem Post Staff

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik was asked yesterday by the Knesset State Control Committee to compile a report on the functioning of Galei Zahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio station. The committee decision follows reports of violations of the Broadcasting Authority Law regarding the station's operation.

There have been complaints recently of staffers being dismissed for their political views.

Tunik said that according to the broadcasting law, there is some

overlapping of the roles of the education minister and the defence minister in the control of the station's civilian programming.

Alignment MK Ya'acov Tsur told the committee that workers were dismissed for their political views, and not because of the quality of their work. Committee chairman Abraham Katz-Oz said that "deviations" and the absence of proper work norms at the station require an urgent examination by the state comptroller.

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Tunisia preparing tent city for PLO evacuees' arrival

OUED-ZERGA, Tunisia. — A

Tunisian Air Force detachment was busy yesterday pitching tents for PLO evacuees from Beirut among apple and peach trees in this village west of Tunis.

A few hundred metres from the highway to the Algerian border, 54 tents surround the local agricultural training centre.

The grey and white, two-storey building will be home for some of the 1,000 PLO members who, left Beirut by sea on Sunday. But most will be accommodated under canvas. A prefabricated village will later replace the tents.

A top tourist hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Borj Cedria south of Tunis will house about 100 PLO civilian and military leaders.

Officials said the PLO men will not be treated as refugees, but

would receive special identity documents. They will be confined to their camps and bound to army-like regulations such as leaves of absence.

PLO chief Yasser Arafat may also settle down in Tunisia temporarily. But the authorities have so far not said when he would arrive or where he would live.

In Sudan, meanwhile, a Palestinian official announced that the PLO will reopen its office in Khartoum after an absence of 18 months.

The office was closed and its four representatives were expelled in February 1981 by the Sudanese authorities. They gave no reasons for the expulsion, but told the PLO it could send replacements "capable of promoting and observing good relations" between Sudan and the PLO. (Reuters, UPI)

Tunisia wants moderate Arab action

RIYADH (AP). — Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Mzali was quoted yesterday as saying that the moderate Arab countries should forge ahead with "realistic decisions" adopted by majority agreement on Arab-Israeli peace.

Mzali's statement, made in an interview with the Saudi weekly magazine *Al-Yamama*, came a day after Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba formally revived a proposal for pan-Arab acceptance of the 1947 U.N. resolution on dividing Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state.

Bourguiba, was abused throughout the Arab world when he first made the proposal in 1963.

Mzali expressed pessimism that an Arab summit conference, tentatively scheduled for September 6 in Morocco, would succeed.

Tunisia's standing in the Arab world, buttressed by the relocation of Arab League headquarters in Tunis, has been further strengthened by a reported decision by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to build his new political base in the Tunisian capital.

LAND EXIT

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The message dated August 20 and released yesterday, said the despatch of U.S. forces to Lebanon is part of the continuing efforts by the U.S. government to bring lasting peace to that troubled country.

The Cyproit vessel Alkyon sailed through the Suez Canal last night, carrying about 700 PLO men to Aden.

A handful of ships blew their whistles and about 50 Palestinians and Egyptians waved banners and shouted "Palestine is Arab," as the 1,800-ton freighter reached Port Said.

In a courtesy gesture, the ship was exempt by the Egyptian government from paying transit tolls, which would have amounted to several thousand dollars.

In Bonn, it was announced that a West German Red Cross ship sheltered in Beirut harbour last month will take Palestinian civilians wounded in Lebanon to Cyprus for medical treatment.

Saudis give \$2b. to rebuild Beirut

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT — Saudi Arabia has allocated \$2 billion to repair the damage done to Beirut in the 1975-1976 civil war and the Israeli bombardments of the past two months.

An East Beirut source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that German engineers, construction experts and technicians have already begun to survey damaged buildings in residential areas affected by the wars. The source said the Germans had informed the Lebanese authorities that their renovation programme would cover both sectors of the city, but added that so far "no team has visited Christian families in East Beirut who lost their homes as a result of PLO shellings."

The German crews have been concentrating their efforts in the El-Hamma neighbourhood, the richest area in the capital, and the Palestinian residential quarters of Burj el-Barajneh, Shatila, Sabra and Fakhani. They will reportedly level the seriously damaged buildings and construct new ones.

The local dwellers, who originally refused to cooperate with the Germans, changed their minds when they learned that the Saudis were backing the programme. The work is expected to continue for six years.

The source speculated that the Saudis contributed the generous amount either to restore their prestige, which was damaged as a result of the Israeli invasion, or as a means of continuing to maintain their political influence in Lebanon.

While the Palestinians and the Lebanese Moslems appear to have found a foreign source to cover their material losses, the residents of Christian Damour, near Beirut, have no such source. When Damour was occupied by the PLO in 1976, hundreds of its residents were killed or wounded and many thousands fled the town. The former residents have found on their return that some 80 per cent of the town's buildings were destroyed or damaged. Reconstruction will cost an estimated \$100 million.

Haifa to fire some teachers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Between 25 and 30 teachers' posts are to be eliminated by the municipality before the start of the new school year next month, schools superintendent Tova Ben-Dov said yesterday.

She said that the cutbacks, which will result in larger classes, were part of the price for keeping the 1982-83 budget rise to only 3 per cent in real terms.

She warned that further reductions might be necessary in view of the government's decision to cut its education grant to local authorities by 3 per cent to help finance the "Peace for Galilee" operation.

Speaking to the press yesterday, Mayor Arie Gur-El said that young couples are moving to the suburbs because of the high cost of apartments in the city and that this is the main reason why the municipality is closing some kindergartens.

He said prices in Haifa were being pushed up by a shortage of building plots. He revealed there was only enough land for another 34,000 apartments.

People buying a house in the city were paying 30 per cent for the land and the rest for the apartment itself, the mayor said, whereas the land, and therefore the overall cost of apartments, was cheaper in the suburbs.

BEGIN PERES

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maintained that when Labour was in power, "the IDF was careful to hit only enemy government installations and not civilian targets."

In his retort, Begin wondered "what the Alignment position on any issue is. Can we at all speak of an Alignment stand? It appears that every party member expresses different opinions." He offered to bring Peres "dozens of examples on the bombing policies of Alignment governments, including the city of Suez and the Jordan valley."

Begin went on to accuse the Alignment of "behaving with incredible narrowness and lack of grace." He said the party was guided solely by narrow partisan views and that it begrudges the government any accomplishments. "Labour members find it hard to admit that the government can succeed in anything," he said.

Asked by Peres to clarify reports that Egypt has refused to renew autonomy negotiations as long as Israeli troops are still in Lebanon, Begin reported that Israel will propose that the autonomy talks be resumed in the very near future. However, the Egyptians should realize that "Israel is not about to bow to any of their dictates on the matter," he said.

Begin accused Peres of "peddling certain ideas which include Israeli withdrawal from parts of Judea and Samaria." The Americans are already considering some of these notions, Begin said. Indeed, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has begun giving voice to various suggestions, and Weinberger is already purchasing some ideas from someone," he added.

When Peres maintained that a "senior cabinet member, who also happens to be a deputy prime minister," had demanded the resignation of Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, Begin hotly denied that any minister had brought such a demand to him. Peres replied that he nevertheless believed that "the minister in question has said things of this sort to reporters."

(According to press reports, Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich had led a covert campaign against Sharon, but this was quickly quashed when Begin expressed his confidence in Sharon. Ehrlich never openly called for Sharon's dismissal.)

Begin also clashed with MK Yossi Sarid, who called the war "superfluous from the outset." The PLO was militarily weak, Sarid said, but "now its terrorist acts may resume and its political prowess grow." At this, Tehiya's Geula Cohen exclaimed that "only a mentally ill person can claim this."

She later apologized to Sarid for her "psychiatric diagnosis." Sarid demanded a state commission of inquiry to look into "the uncontrolled escalation of the war." Begin replied that if Sarid could convince his party to demand such a commission officially in the name of the whole Alignment, the commission would be set up within 24 hours. But it would also "examine the conduct of some of the opposition's members during the time the battles in Lebanon were raging," Begin warned.

Begin went on to ask Sarid if he "wasn't really sorry that the terrorists were beaten." Sarid said that he and Begin belonged to "different worlds in Zionism," to which Begin replied: "indeed different worlds do exist in Zionism and I am glad I am not in Sarid's world and I am sure he is happy in his world."

The Likud's Pinhas Goldstein accused "certain opposition members" of having supplied propaganda weapons to Israel's enemies during the war. This had contributed to hardening their resolve and prolonging the siege of Beirut, he charged. MK Roni Milo said that Israel's achievements in the war had been immense, "but the opposition, blinded by envy, will not bring itself to admit this."



Three of several hundred recently arrived volunteers from North America head for their tents yesterday at an Israel Defence Forces facility set up for them near Katzrin in the Golan Heights. They will receive military training to enable them to help guard border settlements. (IPPA)

HU locks out student union

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University Student Union was effectively expelled from campus yesterday, when university authorities closed Mexico Building which houses the union's offices.

The university withdrew its recognition of the union three months ago. At dawn yesterday, university employees replaced the locks on the doors at the entrances to the building and security guards prevented students from entering.

Anyone attempting to enter would be expelled from campus, the university warned.

Mexico Building, also called the Student Centre, has been used by both the university student union and the national student union for the past two years. The university withdrew its recognition of the union because the organization refused to adopt a new — and, according to the university, fairer — election system.

Student leaders trying to enter the building yesterday were surprised to find it closed. They said the university had acted abruptly, giving no chance for arbitration. Representatives of the university student union met in the afternoon with university vice president Yo'ash Va'adia and promised not to enter the building by force.

Yisrael Katz, chairman of the National Union of Students, said yesterday that his organization would make the university open the building.

Reacting to this, university spokesman Benny Mushkin said that the national union did not have a lease on any room in the building. He said it was possible that the university student union had allowed the national union to use its rooms, but the university has nothing to do with the national union.

Water cut off in towns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Mekorot will reduce the water supply today to 12 towns and settlements which failed to pay their water bill to the national water company.

The towns are Galilee Hatzor, Umm el-Fahm, Petah Tikva, Yahud, Rosh Ha'ayin, Ramat Pinkas, Yavne, Shomron regional council, Rehovot, Mazkeret Batia, Ban Yavne, and Gezer regional council.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Ya'acobi explained that letters had been sent and phone calls placed to officials of these towns and settlements, requesting that their debts be paid, but to no effect.

Inmate gives birth in jail — a first in Israel

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A prisoner at the Neve Tirza women's jail gave birth behind bars yesterday to a boy, the first baby born in an Israeli prison.

The mother, Orit Arbib, 21, is awaiting trial on charges that she and the infant's father, Herzl Avitan, 29, participated in the Keren Or jewelry factory hold-up last January in which a guard was fatally shot, and of being an accessory to the slaying a month earlier of Ramle detention centre warden Roni Nitzan.

Avitan, who left Israel on a forged passport shortly after the Keren Or robbery, was recently extradited from France and is in Ashkelon prison. He said at the time that he did not fight the extradition order so that he could be in the country for the birth.

Arbib was picked up at Ben-Gurion Airport on February 8 just before she was to board a Paris-bound plane for a rendezvous with Avitan.

"It is the first time a baby has been born inside an Israeli prison," Prisons Authority spokesman Shimon Malka said. He said the law

states that an infant can remain with its mother behind bars no more than 24 months. "Then we try to find it a home with the mother's relatives," he said.

Haya Shoham, deputy warden of the facility, said there have been babies living with their mothers at Neve Tirza in the past and that the prison "has all the equipment necessary to help (Arbib) raise her child."

She said everyone at the prison was "very excited" over the birth.

In past cases the inmate-mothers-to-be were rushed to hospital before giving birth. But early yesterday morning, there was no time for Arbib to take an ambulance ride — a doctor from Assaf Harofe Hospital was called in and only 50 minutes after Arbib went into labour, the first cries of the baby were heard.

Shouts of "mazel tov" from the other inmates reverberated throughout the prison as the baby was taken to the hospital to be examined and weighed.

Malka said the infant would be returned to its mother by evening. Avitan recently applied to the prisons authority for permission to marry Arbib and Malka said the request would most likely be granted.

'Sabbath ban won't halt farm exports'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Agriculture produce will be flown on the Sabbath even if it will have to be flown by foreign airlines, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Pessah Grupper told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The Post has learned that if this is done it will increase the air cargo price of Israel's farm produce — already very high — by at least another 15 per cent.

Grupper was commenting on

statements made by El Al workers committee members that if the national airline is not allowed to fly on the Sabbath, agricultural exports will be adversely affected. They said this would be so since Saturday is the busiest day in the week.

Grupper emphasized that customers in Europe cannot be told to change their marketing systems because of the Jewish Sabbath, and that Israel's agricultural exports have enough trouble in Europe without this new problem.

'Education consumers' moving to Kfar Sava

KFAR SAVA — More students are going to school in Kfar Sava than ever before, apparently because the good reputation of the town's school system is attracting young families of "education consumers," who choose to live where their children can get good education, said Meri Zahavi, director of the town's school system.

A recent study of Kfar Sava's

schools showed a 65 per cent increase in the number of the children registered for the coming 1982-83 school year over 1979: 13,000 to 8,125.

Zahavi attributed the growth to the efforts of the late former mayor, Ze'ev Geller, who put education at the top of the town's priorities and created "a national example of good and special education."

Aridor flouts majority to adjust rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Land purchase tax rates will be adjusted to the rate of inflation retroactively from July 15, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor decided yesterday. In doing so he rejected the recommendation of a majority of the Knesset Finance Committee to make the rebates retroactive to April.

Alignment members on the committee pointed out that this is the first time that a finance minister has rejected a recommendation of the committee regarding taxation. Nine

Alignment committee members voted against four Likud MKs to make the refunds retroactive to April instead of July.

The decision means that anyone who bought an apartment on or after July 15 will pay the Tabu Land registry fee linked to the inflation rate of that date. Anyone who overpaid after July 15 according to the new rates will receive a refund. Anyone who purchased a flat between April 1 and July 15 and paid the full tax due will not receive a refund.

Private airline begins flights to Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Elrom, a privately-owned airline based here, recently inaugurated flights to Lebanon, Kalman Porat, a company co-director, said yesterday.

He said the company's six-seater planes are now flying to Eden Air-strip in Southern Lebanon from Tel Aviv, Beersheba and Eilat. The

company hopes to open a route to the Beirut area in the near future, intended for journalists and guests of the government.

Next week, pending final confirmation by the Ministry of Transport, Elrom will also inaugurate a Tel Aviv-Kiryat Shmona flight. A landing strip has been readied in a cotton patch near Kiryat Shmona.

Hadassah convention starts tonight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 2,000 members of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will attend the opening of their 68th convention in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma tonight.

The convention, marking the organization's 70th anniversary, will begin with the awarding of Hadassah's highest honour, the Henrietta Szold award, to President Yitzhak Navon.

Yesterday, a seminar centre in honour of Hadassah president

Frieda Lewis was dedicated at the Nahal outpost of Hoshaya in the Lower Galilee. The ceremony was attended by Hadassah leaders and Youth Aliya chairman Yosef Shapira. The seminar centre will host hundreds of Youth Aliya youngsters throughout the year who will study the geography and ecology of the Galilee.

According to plans, every Youth Aliya pupil will spend at least a week at the centre during his high school studies. (Interview with Frieda Lewis on page 5.)

Radicals urge Israeli Arabs to help PLO

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — Three radical Arab groups this week distributed pamphlets calling on Israeli Arabs to help the PLO in its struggle against "Zionist aggression." The pamphlets call for demonstrations, an indefinite general strike and the establishment of national committees to lead the struggle.

The pamphlets were distributed by the Sons of the Village movement, the National Progressive Movement and the el-Nabde movement. The security forces are investigating whether there is any connection between the leaflets and

recent hostile activity directed at the mini-settlements (mitzpim) in the Galilee.

Some 30 Arab villagers from the Sakhnin valley have so far been held for investigation on suspicion of having blocked roads, writing anti-state graffiti and displaying the Palestinian flag.

One of the leaflets distributed this week urged local Arabs to "fulfill (their) fighting role in this struggle," and called Israeli leaders "Nazis." Another attacked the stand of Russia and various other Communist, African and Asian countries in the Lebanese crisis.

Grants to needy won't be in Porush's hands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The director-general of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs yesterday issued instructions that holiday grants to needy families would be sent directly by the ministry and not by third parties.

The move was an attempt to close a loophole in the ministry's procedure, that allowed MK Menahem Porush of Agudat Israel to personally send Pessah grants to needy families. The families were recommended as worthy cases by Porush and the funds provided by the ministry.

The ministry makes holiday

grants to needy families each year for Rosh Hashana and Pessah, according to recommendations made by public figures and approved by a ministry committee.

Alignment MKs Shulamit Aloni and Shoshana Arbeli-Almoshino criticized the practice as improper, since Porush heads the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee that supervises the ministry.

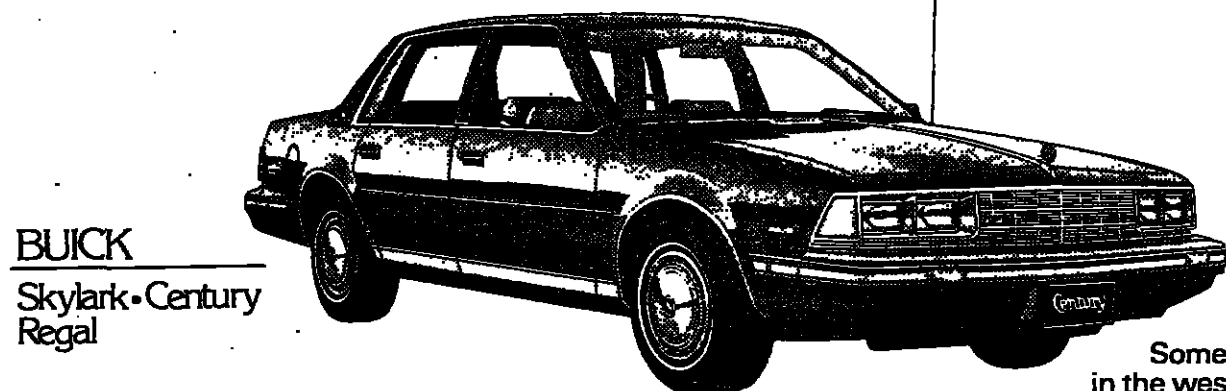
POLICEMEN — More than 250 policemen in India's northern state of Haryana have been dismissed for taking part in support of higher pay last week.

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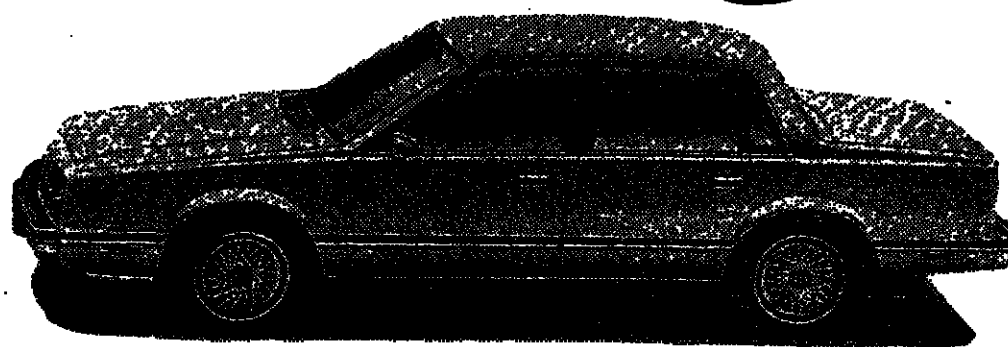
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France orders firm to defy U.S. on pipeline

PARIS (AP). — Dresser France, a wholly owned subsidiary of a U.S. company, announced yesterday it would fulfil its contract to deliver equipment for the Soviet natural gas pipeline, in defiance of a U.S. embargo.

The company said it was complying with the contract after receiving a requisition order to do so on Monday for the French government. Under French law, the government can requisition the services of private companies if those services are in the national interest.

Dresser France has a contract to deliver 21 compressors and spare parts for the 5,500-kilometre Trans-Siberian Pipeline, which is scheduled to begin delivering natural gas to Western Europe sometime in 1984. The firm is a subsidiary of Dresser Industries Inc. of Dallas, Texas.

Three of the compressors are to be shipped to the Soviet Union by French freighter tomorrow from Le Havre. The shipment will be the

first delivery of U.S.-embargoed equipment for the pipeline project. Four French firms, along with companies in Britain, West Germany and Italy, hold most of the \$11 billion in Soviet pipeline contracts, and the governments in all those countries have said they intend to see that the contracts are honoured.

The compressors were being loaded aboard the French freighter Borodine at Le Havre yesterday as union employees of Dresser France demonstrated at the port to protest the U.S. embargo order. The unions claim that 260 workers would have been laid off if the embargo had been honoured.

In a communique, Dresser France also said it had resumed production of the 18 compressors due for later delivery. It made no mention of the embargo, which was imposed by President Ronald Reagan on June 18.

Top American officials, including Secretary of State George Shultz,

were meeting in Washington yesterday to prepare a response to the defiance of the embargo. The U.S. has threatened legal action against embargo violators.

France claims the embargo is a direct attack against its sovereignty that would not hold up in an international court and that it is an arrogant attempt by the U.S. to impose its will without regard to European interests.

The dispute represents the most fundamental rift in the Atlantic Alliance since its inception at the end of World War II.

French Industry Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement yesterday warned the U.S. against reprisals he said could lead to economic war.

Chevènement said in a television interview: "Contracts which have been signed by French companies must be executed, even if President Reagan has decided that they won't be. In France, France takes the decisions. France is master in its own house."

Iran executes 11 leftist and Kurdish rebels

NICOSIA (AP). — Eleven persons have been executed in Iran for engaging in "armed revolt" against the Tehran Islamic regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, government-guided newspapers reported yesterday.

The papers said that nine members of the "Ashraf Dehghani Underground Marxist Group" were executed on Monday in the western Iranian region of Bakhtaran (formerly Kermanshah), 525 kilometres west of Tehran.

Two Kurdish rebels — a man and a woman — also were executed at Sanandaj, near Bakhtaran, the same day, the papers said.

The Kurds, identified only as members of the outlawed autonomy-seeking guerrilla organization of Kurdistan, had instigated unrest in mountain regions and killed an unspecified number of Khomeini's Revolutionary Guards.

Meanwhile, 13 members of the Mujahideen Khalq rebel organization were reported killed during the past three days in street clashes with Revolutionary Guard units in Tehran, the papers said.

Hundreds killed by rebels at Kabul rally

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Muslim rebels ambushed a government party rally in a town 14 kilometres from the Afghanistan capital of Kabul last Thursday, killing and wounding hundreds of civilians and soldiers, Western diplomats said yesterday.

The diplomats said the two civilian hospitals in Kabul were "jammed with wounded" from the ambush, which occurred in Paghman. Several hundred civilians and soldiers guarding them were killed or wounded, they said. Rebels also destroyed five buses which had transported the party workers to the meeting and damaged several armoured personnel carriers, the diplomats said.

The diplomats, quoting "several excellent sources," said the party rally at the main bazaar in Paghman had brought out more than 1,000 "party reconstruction volunteers."

"While the leaders were delivering speeches on the glory of the revolution, the rebels suddenly appeared and opened fire," the diplomats said.

Wheelchair felon makes second escape

MUNICH (UPI). — Being crippled from the waist down and sentenced to 12 years in jail for shooting a policeman was not enough to make Horst Schwarzeimer give up — even on Friday the 13th.

The 50-year-old cripple rolled his wheelchair to freedom 11 days ago when the staff at his prison clinic was reduced during summer holidays, police said yesterday.

Schwarzeimer became paralyzed during a shootout with police in 1976, in which he seriously wounded a policeman. He was serving a 12-year sentence when he escaped.

Police said they had launched a search for the man, but added that it was not the first time Schwarzeimer had not got away.

Two months ago Schwarzeimer escaped the prison clinic, but police caught up with him a few days later — just as he was robbing a Munich department store.

Forest fires flare again in France

DRAGUIGNAN (Reuters). — Forest fires that have killed two persons and injured 19 in southeastern France since Saturday flared up again yesterday after an overnight lull gave weary firefighters a brief respite.

Officials said that the mistral winds, which have intermittently fanned the flames over a wide area around the holiday resort of St. Tropez, started up a fresh outbreak yesterday around the village of Tourtour.

Nearly 3,500 firefighters, troops and volunteers have been battling to contain the fires, described by officials as the worst in the region for 10 years. They have already consumed well over 15,500 hectares (148,000 dunam) of forest and destroyed more than 100 homes.

Record 3.3 million British jobless as inflation curbed

LONDON (AP). — Unemployment in Britain reached an all-time high this month of 3,292,702 or 13.8 per cent of the work force, the government announced yesterday.

An opposition Labour Party spokesman, Barry Jones, said "the whole cabinet should be escorted to the tower of London" for what he termed the "economic treason" of persisting with monetarist policies despite the human toll.

Within Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party, too, and from British industry there are voices calling for public works and other programs to reduce the jobless rolls.

The number out of work as of August 12 was the highest since comprehensive records began being kept in 1948 and topped the 2,979,000

registered unemployed at the height of the Great Depression in January 1933, although that figure represented 19 per cent of a smaller work force.

The employment department said the August figure showed a total of 306,000 young people, just out of school, without jobs. The government has also reported that one million of the unemployed have been unable to find work for a year or more.

Thatcher's economic team has placed emphasis on curbing inflation — now down to 8.7 per cent from a 21.9 per cent peak two years ago — and on making industry more competitive. She has said that is the way to create lasting jobs and wealth.

Vow to raise the Mary Rose

LONDON (UPI). — One of the world's most important sunken ships is to be raised on September 28 from the sea bed where it has lain buried for 437 years, a high-powered committee said yesterday.

"We will raise the Mary Rose," said Lord Romney, stressing the word "will." Since "the world's biggest diving operation" already has taken 17 years, some emphasis was appropriate.

The Mary Rose was the fleet flagship of King Henry VIII, of the many wives. He watched her sail forth to battle the French on the sunny Sunday of July 19, 1545. He watched her suddenly turn turtle and sink with amazing speed. He heard the cries of her 700 drowning men.

For nearly four centuries the Mary Rose was a mere memory. Alexander McKee, an amateur marine archaeologist, pinpointed her grave in 1967 and discovered that "by a miracle of preservation" she was a priceless museum of Tudor life, arguably the most important sunken ship ever found.

"We have now recovered some 17,000 individual items from her,"

said project archaeologist Margaret Rule yesterday. "Now we will raise the biggest object of all — the hull itself."

Lord Romney, host to Prince Charles and Princess Diana, at the start of their honeymoon, recalled the moment when Britain's future king became so involved with the project he became its president. Charles has dived to the wreck nine times.

"I remember my grandfather, Lord Mountbatten, coming back wildly enthusiastic from an early visit to the Mary Rose," he said.

"Prince Charles was there and I think that was the moment he decided to become involved."

The £4 million operation he will watch on September 28 is as massive as it is delicate.

Already in place over the wreck is a giant steel "lifting frame," 35.6 m. long and 14.9 m. wide, said recovery director Col. Wendell Lewis.

The hull — only the port side of the ship remains — has been stripped of Tudor artefacts and its deck and bulkheads dismantled with archaeological precision. The shell is now being strapped to the lifting frame.

Saudi pours cash on Florida

SOUTH PASADENA, Florida (AP). — Continuing his own brand of dollar diplomacy, Saudi Sheikh Mohammed al-Fassi has given this well-to-do community \$20,000 for beautification and youth programmes.

The 28-year-old sheikh, accompanied by a 35-person "entourage" that included ex-heavyweight boxing champ Mohammed Ali, made the donation on Monday. South Pasadena, with 5,000 residents, is a St. Petersburg suburb.

Earlier in the day, he bestowed \$10,000 on a Key West housing project, \$30,000 on a youth drug programme in Tallahassee and \$20,000 on the capital for youth programmes and beautification. Al-Fassi jetted from one end of the state to the other aboard a rented Air Florida plane.

"Giving away money is nothing for the sheikh," whose financial worth has been estimated at \$6 billion. He is related to the Saudi royal family through Prince Turki bin Abdulaziz, who is married to the sheikh's sister.

Raid blacks out Peruvian city

LIMA, Peru (AP). — The city of Ayacucho was left without electricity on Monday night amid bomb explosions and machinegun fire, police reported here.

The blackout was preceded by two explosions, authorities said. Shots were also heard in different parts of the city, which has been the centre of a growing left-wing terrorist movement in recent months.

Ayacucho is located about 560 km southeast of Lima. Details were sketchy but reliable sources in Ayacucho reached by phone from Lima said that one of the explosions affected the government-run hospital, where the bodies of two civil guards were being kept. The guards, along with four others, had been killed on Saturday during an attack on the police headquarters in Vilcashuaman, a nearby village.

In that attack, about 22 policemen exchanged fire with some 100 terrorists, according to the sources, who asked not to be identified. At least 41 persons were killed, they added.

The entire province of Ayacucho is under a state of emergency due to an upsurge of terrorism. Last Thursday, a series of dynamite explosions ripped through Lima.

China seeks new French Mirage

PARIS (Reuters). — China has been pressing France to sell it the new Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft, but there are no negotiations under way, French defence ministry officials said yesterday.

Recently French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson visited Peking and said France was ready to sell "defensive arms" to

China, but would give no details. China has already bought 50 French Dauphin helicopters and long-range radar equipment. It is seeking Crotale anti-aircraft and Milan anti-tank missiles, defence ministry officials said.

Former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing side-stepped the issue of selling Mirages to China to avoid antagonizing the Soviet Union.

White soldiers slain in Zimbabwe lived in S.A.

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Three white soldiers who were killed in eastern Zimbabwe last week were former Rhodesian soldiers living in South Africa, the Johannesburg Star reported yesterday.

Zimbabwe Prime Minister

Mercenaries ignored Seychelles rebels

VICTORIA, Seychelles (AP). — Four foreign mercenaries sentenced to death for their role in an abortive coup, said yesterday that they refused to join Seychelles army rebels in a two-day uprising last week.

The mercenaries, two Zimbabweans, a South African and a Briton, participated in a bungled attempt to overthrow the government of socialist President France Albert René last November. They told a news conference yesterday that their "neutral" conduct during the mutiny made them more certain than ever that René would spare their lives.

They said they had a chance to escape during the rebellion but did not take it, and in fact freed two loyal army officers who had been jailed by the mutineers.

The mutiny, aimed at ousting senior officers, began early last Tuesday at the Union Vale army camp near Victoria, where the convicted mercenaries were being held. It was crushed on Wednesday afternoon by loyal soldiers aided by Tanzanian troops.

Kissinger for hire — \$250,000 per job

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger is forming an international consulting firm of ex-political, economic and military leaders, The Washington Post said yesterday. Kissinger Associates, Inc., will advise corporate clients on strategic planning for \$250,000 per assignment.

Former British foreign secretary Lord Carrington and retired general Brent Scowcroft, who succeeded Kissinger as national security adviser to president Gerald Ford, are among those involved in the venture, The Post said.

Kissinger will be chairman of the firm formed last month and Scowcroft president.

Polish newspaper compares Solidarity to terrorist groups

WARSAW (UPI). — An official newspaper yesterday compared the Solidarity underground to terrorist groups such as the IRA and Italy's Red Brigades.

The newspaper Zycie Warszawy said western radio stations that broadcast information for underground sources into Poland and back martial law resistance were more guilty than they if they out and out financed overt terrorism.

"President Sandro Pertini of Italy... several times has accused other countries of agitating and financing Italian terrorism," the article said.

"But even in this case the actions undertaken for abroad cannot be compared to what radio stations are doing now regarding us."

"If Polish radio started to broad-

cast programmes in Italian for Italy based on leaflets distributed by the Red Brigades, wouldn't the Italian government oppose such actions? We could be accused of participating in terrorism, for calling for criminal offences."

The article written to defend the recent official Polish protest lodged against U.S., British, French and West German radio broadcasts to Poland, said that Radio Free Europe recently broadcast a tape of Polish police radio contact with headquarters.

The article was part of a stepped up campaign to declare that authorities will fight back against any attempt at pro-Solidarity demonstrations called by the underground for August 31 — Solidarity's second anniversary.

Envoy's assailant 'a Palestinian'

KUWAIT (AP). — An assailant who shot and wounded the United Arab Emirates charge d'affaires in Kuwait on Monday is a Palestinian who arrived in the country a few days earlier from Bulgaria, according to Kuwaiti press reports.

The man, who posed as a reporter, was identified as Mohammed Abdul-Hamid Hassan. The victim, Mohammed Ibrahim al-Guwaid, was reported to be in a satisfactory condition yesterday and recovering well from three bullet wounds in the forehead and hands.

The assailant was quoted as saying first that he was a Lebanese but later said he was Palestinian. Records showed he entered the country a few days before the incident and that he was in Bulgaria prior to that.

Last month, three Palestinians were sentenced to prison terms for smuggling in large quantities of explosives. Kuwaiti experts said the explosives were intended for use against underwater targets and marine installations.

The incidents highlight the security headaches expected in the oil-rich Gulf states as a backlash to the Palestinian terrorist exodus from Beirut.

More than 2,000 of the terrorists, about a fifth of all Beirut-departing PLO men and mostly from radical groups, are arriving this week in North and South Yemen at the strategic southern tip of the Saudi Arabian peninsula.

Kuwait, where Palestinians represent about one fourth of the inhabitants, two months ago pardoned 88 Palestinians jailed for "crimes against Kuwait."

Yugoslav Leader in Cyprus

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Yugoslav President Petar Stambolic arrived in Cyprus yesterday for a three-day state visit.

He said in a statement he would discuss the Cyprus problem and the non-aligned movement with President Spiros Kyprianou who welcomed him at the airport.

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Sports

'Doctor' ouster

NEW YORK (AP). — Veteran pitcher Gaylord Perry was ejected from a game on Monday between the Boston Red Sox and the Seattle Mariners for "doctoring a ball."

Chris Chambers drilled a run-scoring double in the sixth inning, a 3-3 tie and trigger Atlanta's 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night, extending the suddenly-hot Braves' winning streak to five games.

The victory pushed the Braves back into first place in the National League West, less than one percentage point in front of Los Angeles.

Elsewhere in the National League, Gene Tenace knocked in four runs to power a red-hot St. Louis Cardinals to an 11-3 victory over the slumping Dodgers.

The Cardinals moved three games in front of Philadelphia in the East while the Dodgers dropped into a second place behind Atlanta in the West after being in first since August 9.

In the American League, consecutive solo home runs by Oscar Gamble and Graig Nettles capped three-run New York Rally in the sixth and powered the Yankees to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Monday's Games

Chicago 6, San Francisco 5; Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 4; Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 3; St. Louis 11, Los Angeles 3; Houston 2, New York 0.

Continued League

Cleveland 5, Chicago 1; New York 4, Toronto 3; Texas 5, Kansas 2; California 5, Milwaukee 3; Detroit 5, Oakland 1; Boston 4, Seattle 3.

Russians lead in basketball

CALIF. Colombia (AP). — The United States fought off a tough Canadian challenge in the final minutes to win a 71-69 victory of Monday night in the final round of the World Basketball Championship in Cali.

The U.S. scored eight points in the final minutes of the first half and led 42-34 at half-time.

The Soviet Union leads in the seven-team round robin tournament with a 4-0 record after beating Yugoslavia 99-94.

The United States, 3-1 in the tournament, plays the Soviet Union on Thursday night.

Spain is 3-1, Yugoslavia is 2-2, Australia 1-2, Colombia 0-3 and Canada 0-4.

Tearful teenagers

Post Sports Staff

Israel's junior basketballers gained one solitary victory in the European Youth Tournament in Bulgaria, when they beat Hungary yesterday 92-68. Earlier they were in an excellent position to defeat Finland, leading 51-44 at one stage. But they collapsed and ended as losers 87-74. The team then burst into tears. They also lost to Spain. They will play for ninth or tenth place.

Ovett recovering

LONDON (AP). — A track and field official said on Monday that Steve Ovett, Britain's 800-meter gold medalist, is recovering from hamstring injury and should be fit to compete in the European Championships in Athens next month.

Frank Dick, director of coaching for the British Athletic Board, said: "I understand he will be fit for Athens."

Ovett is not entered for another meet at London's Crystal Palace next Monday. All British athletes have been asked to turn out at the Crystal Palace to prove their fitness before the European Championships, but the Board is expected to make an exception in Ovett's case.

"Steve is a man of ability and pride. What he says he will do, he usually does," said Board secretary Nigel Cooper. "If he says he is fit, I would accept that, but a decision would have to be made by the committee."

In Rome, Pietro Mennea, the world 200 m. record-holder and Olympic champion, has officially come out of retirement.

In 1981, the 30-year-old sprinter had announced his decision to retire from competition a year after winning the 200-meter title at the Moscow Olympics.

But Mennea told a news conference on Monday that he is returning to active competition and hopes to run in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Mennea set the world 200-meter record of 19.72 seconds on September 12, 1979 at Mexico City. He also holds the European 100-meter record.

Hard hitter

MAHWAH, New Jersey (AP). — Andre Leand, the Maccabiah champion, used a powerful serve and volley to defeat Former Wimbledon champion Virginia Wade of Great Britain 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 in their opening round match on Monday of the \$100,000 Volvo Women's Tennis Cup at Raritan College.

"She doesn't have much variety, but she hits the ball a million miles an hour," Wade, 37, said of her 18-year-old opponent.

Nobel Prize laureate

an apparent suicide

Context

ISRAEL, THE ARABS, AND THE NETWORKS

By LEON HADAR/Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ON NBC's *Nightly News* on August 2, the respected commentator John Chancellor, reporting from West Beirut, came down hard on what he called "imperial Israel," accusing it of causing "devastating and irresponsible destruction" in Lebanon. "What is Israel doing in Lebanon, 40 miles away from its northern border?" asked Chancellor. "Its security is not being threatened."

The following day, when he made more moderate comments in a report from Tel Aviv, the words "passed by Israeli censorship" appeared on the screen as he spoke. This created the impression that his political commentary had been censored, when in fact it had been cleared without any problem.

Earlier in the war, in another commentary, Chancellor accused Israel of censorship and stated: "This is coming from an ally which fights with American weapons, a country which has received almost \$13 billion in American aid in the last five years."

American Jewish organizations and individuals, disturbed by Chancellor's hostile remarks, have flooded NBC with letters critical of his reports and NBC's coverage of the war.

Similar criticism has been directed against the war coverage of the other two major television networks by American Jews and Israelis who argue that the American media are deliberately presenting the news from Beirut in a way that shows Israel in the worst possible light.

This concern over media coverage stems from the belief that pictures transmitted by American television determine in one way or another the attitudes of the American public and leadership.

The English daily, *The Guardian*, wrote recently that the people of "Middle America," hunched over their evening news, "do not care whether five, 10 or 15 thousand are allegedly dead." Their screens have been filled for weeks "with bodies laid end to end. Film cuts showing everything from little girls amid the rubble to Sharon and Begin. 'The pictures' — never mind the words — tell a terrible story."

An aide to President Reagan was quoted in *Time* magazine (August 16) as having said: "That picture [on television] of the baby with arms burnt had more impact on him [Reagan] than 50 position papers."

ONE CAN question whether television coverage has indeed influenced the attitudes of Middle America towards Israel and the Palestinians. In a recent ABC news show, several members of this Middle America — farmers, workers, residents of small towns — were queried on the issue, and their replies were almost identical. "We couldn't care less about this war, which doesn't relate directly to us."

Two public-opinion experts who were interviewed in the ABC programme agreed that in contrast to the coverage of the Vietnam war, when American boys were killed, the Lebanese war has not made a major impact on the general public.

The experts agreed that, if anything, television coverage of the war has had a major impact on the attitudes of the so-called opinion-makers — journalists, community leaders, educators, congressmen and the President himself.

If that analysis is correct, the impact of media coverage on the political elite is enough to cause concern to Israel's supporters, since members of this elite participate in various ways in the determination of American foreign policy.

At any rate, there have been indications recently that even the "average" American is distressed by the pictures coming from Lebanon. A group of firemen from Long Island, for instance, decided to send aid to some of Beirut's children who were burnt by Israeli bombs.

SOME OF the critics of the networks argue that the "bad coverage" Israel received was the consequence of the anti-Israeli or pro-Arab bias shared by many of the journalists covering the war.

Columnist Joseph Kraft wrote recently that "maybe [there was] some biased reporting" on the war. "There are American journalists disposed towards the PLO out of a left-wing love affair with national liberation forces," added Kraft. "There are journalists who go the same way out of sympathy for the supposedly exploited peoples of the so-called Third World. There are journalists who are sweet on the Arabs."

However, said Kraft, these prejudices are roughly balanced by the views of journalists who sympathize with Israel. "There are, after all, Jewish journalists not unsympathetic to Israel," he noted. "There are strong anti-Communists, mindful of Moscow's role in the build-up of national liberation movements. While the balance is not altogether even, there tends to be a rough cancelling out."

There is no doubt that some American journalists, especially the younger ones, have been calling for more attention to be paid to the Arab side of the conflict.

But it must be understood that the news coming from the Middle East tends to be influenced not so much by what the journalists think, as by their access to sources of information, and especially where television is concerned, by the perceptions of editors and producers concerning the needs of the audience.

TELEVISION news coverage doesn't result from editors sitting



(Karen Benzion)

down and saying: "Now we have to initiate a new policy with regard to Israel and the Arabs". George Watson, head of ABC's television news department, told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We are more guided by events, circumstances and technical needs than by policy decisions."

According to Watson, coverage that could be considered as evidence of a change in attitude towards Israel, especially during the Lebanon war, was really the culmination of a process that began after the Yom Kippur war, when Arabs, including the PLO, became more accessible to American media. That was accompanied by a growing American interest in developments in the Arab world. Anwar Sadat's approach towards the American media was part of this process, Watson argued.

Watson recalled that during an ABC interview with Sadat following the Yom Kippur war, the Egyptian president was very critical of American media coverage of the Arab world. "Well, you don't make it easy for us," replied the ABC executive conducting the interview.

become a commonplace and Arafat and his people have become very accessible," he added.

IT WAS ABC's 1978 documentary on the Palestinians, *Terror in the Promised Land*, that provoked the first vocal protests from American Jews, who argued that the programme, which ABC considered to be "even-handed," was anti-Israeli.

On the other hand, *The Unholy War*, produced for ABC last year by Arelto Rivera, dealt extensively with PLO terror in Lebanon and Israel and resulted in protests from members of the American Arab community.

American Arab groups, which have become very active in recent years, met with Watson after the airing of the programme and accused the network of pro-Israeli bias. One of the groups, the Arab American Anti-Discrimination League, even complained against the network to the National Press Council following ABC-News coverage of the Israeli air attack on PLO headquarters in Beirut, when hundreds of civilians were reported killed.

The American Arabs argued that the network did not cover the suffering of the hundreds of civilians in Beirut and overplayed the story of the small number of Israelis who were killed or wounded during the PLO attack in northern Israel that provoked the Israeli retaliation.

WATSON EXPLAINED to the Arabs that the main reason for that kind of coverage was that American TV crews had no access to areas in southern Lebanon which came under Israeli attack.

While Arab Americans were critical of the *Unholy War*, Israeli and American Jews were furious over the ABC documentary *Under the Israeli Thumb*, which presented a very critical and some said distorted picture of Israel's occupation of the West Bank.

In a way, American television coverage of the recent events in the West Bank, when there were casualties among the civilian population, was a prologue to what Israeli regard as the negative coverage of their country during the Lebanese war.

Watson did not express any reservations about his network's coverage of the Lebanese war. Discussing the exaggerated casualty figures that were given in the media in the first days of the war, Watson noted that "the 10,000 dead figure was very well publicized" and added that his network used it since it was confirmed by several American sources, including Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told the press that he had received confirmation of the figure from the CIA. "When the Israeli government challenged this and the CIA backed off, we reported that development," he said. "In any case, we never accepted the number as an accurate or an official one."

Similar changes occurred in PLO attitudes towards the American media. "I can remember when it was extraordinary to get an interview with Arafat," recalled Watson.

When Barbara Walters got an interview with Arafat in 1977, it was considered a great scoop, said Watson. "In recent years it has

ATTRACTING THE LOST GENERATION

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

OVER BREAKFAST in her Jerusalem hotel, Frieda Lewis talks of mono-layer techniques, micro-surgery and body scanners the way other women her age talk about a new dress.

The mother of two prominent American physicians, Mrs. Lewis, who is starting her third year as president of Hadassah, doesn't know what the words mean — but she doesn't need to. Her enthusiasm and pride about each development and accomplishment at Hadassah's two medical centres in Jerusalem are more impressive than an expert explanation of terms.

Here to attend the organization's 68th convention marking its 70th anniversary, she has also been to Lebanon, where she encountered many doctors from Hadassah and was impressed by sophisticated field hospitals for the troops, as well as Lebanese civilians, "on the level of sophistication of the best hospitals in Israel."

During the convention, operating theatres that have been completely modernized will be dedicated at the Ein Kerem medical centre. She herself will be honoured by the dedication of the Frieda Lewis Youth Aliya Seminar Centre in Hoshaya in the Lower Galilee.

Although many American Jewish organizational leaders use the term "Zionist" interchangeably with support for Israel, in Frieda Lewis's case it goes beyond that. She would love to live in Israel, not just tell others to do so. She speaks the biblical Hebrew that she learned in Brooklyn, where she grew up. "I like to use it; it brings the words out of the attic," she says, pointing at her head.

"I was a Zionist from childhood," she says. "It was in the air I breathed. My parents were very Orthodox; my grandfather was a *hasid*, and I used to carry his *tallit* to *shul* on Shabbat." She has visited Israel innumerable times, brought her children and grandchildren here, and served in every possible position in Hadassah since she joined it 33 years ago.

Though not a lobby, Hadassah does more in the U.S. than just fund its medical and educational projects in Israel: it informs its members on Israeli issues, and they, in turn, pressure their elected representatives.

"Within an hour, we can get women in the streets demonstrating," she says. "We call Hadassah's regional offices, and they call branches." There is a total of over 370,000 members, living in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

DESPITE predictions a decade ago that the change in women's lifestyles would doom women's organizations that depend largely on housewives with free time,



Frieda S. Lewis

Hadassah is still growing, says the president.

"We are attracting the lost generation whose parents rebelled against their Jewish identity. These young people want to know who they are, what Jewishness is, and about Israel."

The fact that many young Jewish women go out to work and the increase in the divorce and assimilation rates have not prevented Hadassah from attracting younger members.

"They find they get the kind of fulfillment and reward that they need from volunteering their services to Hadassah. They believe that Hadassah is a great cause."

Mrs. Lewis has assigned 50 members, one in each state, to serve as anti-Semitism watchdogs. Every time anti-Semitic remarks are made on the radio or TV or in a newspaper, by a politician or some other local public figure, these monitors fill out a form with details. In coordination with the World Jewish Congress, a computer will be fed data on anti-Semitic incidents and statements from around the world.

"We'll be able to assess the danger, to see if these incidents are isolated or part of a pattern," says Hadassah's president. She adds that this project does not cut across the work of any other Jewish organization.

She personally dismisses polls that show anti-Semitism is down in the U.S., and views with alarm the "legions" of incidents. "These range from statements made by a politician that are later retracted due to pressure, to swastikas daubed on Jewish-owned buildings."

Turning back to Israel, Mrs. Lewis sings the praises of the young soldiers she saw in IDF uniforms in Lebanon. "They are idealists, loyal and devoted to their country even if they may differ on tactics."

Frustration in the Jewish Quarter

By LEAH ABRAMOWITZ
Special to The Jerusalem Post

of the Company for the Renovation and Development of the Jewish Quarter, sent notices to all the residents, asking them to be patient just a little longer. He assured them that all unfinished construction and restoration projects would be completed in the near future.

He then promptly took off for parts unknown, he, his deputy, the company's chief engineer, its architects and all its senior officials. This left several attractive but ineffectual secretaries who received the irate citizens and the children's demonstration, organized, like the Children's Crusade, with great fervor, and with about as much success.

What caused the ire of the citizens now? Don't they know there's a war on?

Several months ago Unger's company closed the parking lot which had served the 500 families of the Jewish Quarter, explaining that the site would be turned into a much-requested park. There was a considerable outcry from the residents, not because anyone objected to a green spot, but at the arbitrary way in which the lot was closed overnight, and mostly because, Chelm-like, no alternative arrangements had been made for the residents' cars.

After several weeks of double parking, traffic jams and noisy lobbying, a new parking lot was opened adjacent to the outer lot. But no park arose on the inner site. Instead, as if drawn by a magnet, all the donkeys in the old City, laden with rubble and trash, began to dump their loads there.

The lovely sign proclaiming "Here Park V. will be built" was soon covered by debris. The junk pile rose daily and with it the anger level of the neighbours. It was the history of Dung Gate and the concealed levels of the Western Wall happening before our eyes. Some foresighted citizens quickly photographed the nearby arch over the Hurva Synagogue, for at this rate it too might soon disappear from sight.

Without parks and playgrounds, the children of the Jewish Quarter had few safe outlets for their energy. At last a marvelous wooden complex was installed next to the neighbourhood kindergartens, complete with slides, jungle gyms, bridges, towers, sand lots and climbing poles. The kids loved it and gathered there in droves. It became the meeting spot for young mothers and new grandparents.

Nearby, an archaeological find of great importance, the 7-metre wide, First Temple period city wall, was being explored. At first no one noticed that the hole was getting deeper and wider daily.

Suddenly the great excavation was right under the playground equipment. A 20th-century lot was in danger of sliding down a real time chute into a 6th-century B.C.E. rock pile.

Instead of delaying the recovery of this ancient site, which has laid dormant 2,500 years, the planners chose to close the vital, teeming playground. That was at the beginning of August, when schools and summer camps are closed and the children have a full day to drive their parents crazy. Chelm revisited!

There ARE few fully paved streets in the Jewish Quarter. Those that are finished are invariably dug up again to lay some overlooked line or are made impassable by mounds of building supplies. The plight of a young woman badly burned in an explosion last year was given considerable coverage, because there was no way to evacuate her for medical treatment. Despite burns covering 85 per cent of her body, she had to walk almost 500 metres to the ambulance.

Last week, residents of Rehov Habad, Or Hahaim and HaMalach once again woke up to find that their temporary access to the Western Wall, the parking lot and to the main part of the Quarter where the shops, schools and kindergartens are located, had been blocked off for renovation. The original access, next to Kupat Holim, was "temporarily" closed over two years ago when excavation of the Cardo was extended. This time, too, no alternative passage was prepared. Residents are expected to take a large detour or perhaps jump over the rooftops.

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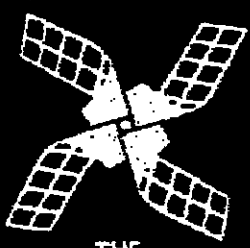
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Of course their high-school education of the day before had been a bit different from that of our American counterparts. There were no caps and gowns, though the speeches by their principals were as dull.

And they were different, moreover, a bit less vivacious than the youth of other countries. They all said that they had just finished the most important year of their lives, "on one, on, for better or worse they are adults."

In a few weeks all of them will go to the army, and that in itself has been a significant part of this year's experience. Besides trying to get 27 grades on their matriculation examination in order to be assured a place in one of Israel's universities when they finish their compulsory military service in two or three years, they have also undergone a battery of examinations

Yeroham company has one of biggest ceramic kilns Ceramic tile success story

By DAVID KRIVINE
Post Economic Correspondent

A sure way to make money in a non-high technology industry, even during times of recession, is to produce a new item that is destined to replace an old one in day-to-day use. A good example is instant coffee, which after World War Two made tremendous inroads into a market formerly monopolized by the percolated variety.

Yosef Pecker, who manufactures steel products, decided in 1970 that Israel's can afford to grace their floors and walls with something costlier and more luxurious than the humdrum cement tile. The substitute he offered was ceramic tiles. If his judgment was right, he need not depend only on market growth, he could also expand at the expense of the other, more old-fashioned commodity.

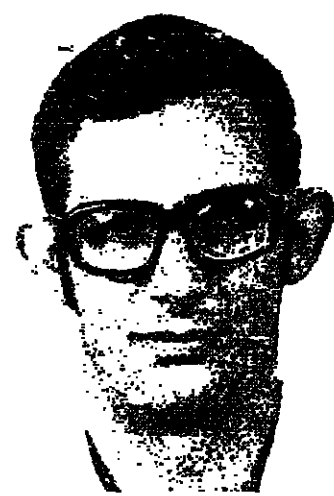
The Negev Ceramics Company was founded in Yeroham. Says Yosef Ashman, its managing director: "Ninety per cent of our raw materials is local, much of it from the Negev. We even use natural gas from the Zohar well for fuel."

He recalls the past: "We started with a three-shift operation, producing 850 square metres of floor tiles a day. I was sales manager at the time. The customers we approached thought we were bonkers. They were right, it was hard at first. But Yossi Pecker, our chairman, persevered, he wouldn't give up."

What was the biggest problem — competition? No, says Ashman, "it was the conservatism of the public. Despite his frantic efforts, they wouldn't see what was good for them."

Fortunately faith and hard work won their reward. Marketing has long ago stopped being a holdup — the holdup is production. "Last year we stretched our kiln almost to bursting-point, and got 11 per cent more out of it. We could safely do that, because a new kiln had been ordered in Italy, more than 2½ times as large."

"It is the biggest kiln for firing ceramics in the world," he says. "Its cost, including installation, is \$5m. Once it is in production the old kiln will be retired."



Yosef Ashman

Output is due to soar almost overnight from 850 to 2,300 square metres a day. This explains why Ashman had to extract that extra 11 per cent from the old oven. "Our marketing must be built up in advance, to create outlets for the new increased capacity. We managed to channel 40 per cent of our production to export last year."

Once the new kiln is in, exports will have to expand further, from \$1m to \$3m. Total output will be up from \$3.5m to \$8m or \$8.5m. (The increase should be more, but prices have dropped.)

IT IS SURPRISING that Israel can export a conventional product like ceramics profitably, even in the present difficult times. Ashman attributes his success to efficiency and the use of an advanced technology (the single-firing process). Chief foreign buyer is Canada, but the market is world-wide, including the Far East.

Now that output is becoming sizeable, Negev Ceramics intends to tackle the U.S. market. An office was opened in Miami last June.

How can turnover be stepped up so rapidly? Until now only one size of tile was produced, 10 cm. by 20 cm. Under the new schedule there will be a choice of three, the two new varieties being bigger — 20 cm. by 20 cm., and 20 cm. by 30 cm. respectively.

This opens new possibilities. Small tiles are for small rooms. "Today the practice has been adopted of equipping bathrooms with ceramic tiles. I want to extend the process to living-rooms. Being more damage-resistant, they are increasingly required in food-factories, hospitals, in the main stairwell of apartment-houses — and there are even ceramic chips inset in the pavement of Rehov Dizengoff."

Does not the present slump in housing affect sales adversely? "Not necessarily," he says. "You see, with business going badly, builders try to attract more customers by offering improvements. When buyers become choosier, cheap-looking tiles can be a deterrent."

Once supply catches up with demand, won't that create competition after all? Ashman is not alarmed. There are rival producers in Israel, notably Barbour in Acre, which makes wall tiles and is starting to produce floor tiles.

BUT COMPETITION is mainly from imports. Negev Ceramics uses the familiar complaint that most of the imported stuff is low-priced because it is below standard. (One person in the business claims to have seen imported wall tiles labeled as floor tiles — though wall tiles are not stout enough for that purpose.)

Ashman is reassuring: "Minimal quality standards fixed by the Standards Institution await formal approval. Once they become obligatory, we won't have to worry any more."

He looks to the future with confidence. The rival product that he has to beat is no longer the humble cement tile, that battle is on the way to being won. The challenge is to replace marble.

New economies of scale will reduce production costs. Although output is booked to increase 2.7-fold, the labour force will rise only fractionally, from 80 workers to a hundred. That will help the company to cope with the present price dip.



To mark the 60th anniversary of the Paz Oil Company about 100 young riders took to their racing bicycles this week. Their ride took them over a 45 kilometre route that started at Tel Aviv's Exhibition Gardens and led through Kfar Batya, Ra'anana, Petah Tikva, Bnei Brak and return. (Arie Kanfer)

Patt accepts all recommendations of panel looking into home gas deals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A public committee appointed by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt to investigate ways of improving service to consumers and rates charged by the country's cooking gas suppliers yesterday presented its recommendations.

Staffed by independent non-government experts, the committee first recommended that the installation fee for central gas in a new apartment building be paid directly to the contractor, who would install the system on the basis of a separate contract with the gas company. The new arrangement would eliminate the need for the tenants of new buildings to pay both the contractor for their flats and then the gas company to install the gas system.

The committee then recommended that the gas companies charge a single, unified deposit fee on the gas equipment, which would be controlled by the government.

The third recommendation is to link the deposit fee to the inflation rate, less a 3 per cent annual user fee, so that tenants selling gas equipment with their flats would be able to preserve the value of their deposits.

The committee also said a government authority should be set up to supervise the gas companies and handle public complaints about inadequate service.

Patt accepted all the recommendations and said he would discuss their implementation with Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Stress scientists undeterred by war

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — The current anti-Israel political stresses in the world did not deter 60 experts on mechanical stress from coming here from western Europe, the U.S. and South America. The scientists are at the Technion for the Seventh International Conference on Experimental Stress Analysis, which opened here on Monday. A three-man delegation from Rumania is also taking part, as well as over 40 Israelis.

The chairman of the organizing committee, Technion aeronautical engineering professor Avraham Betser, told *The Jerusalem Post* that

only two or three experts who had registered for the meeting cancelled their participation for "personal" reasons. The authors of one paper, however, stayed away in protest against Israel's action in Lebanon, but another expert from the same country did come despite pressure on him to stay away.

The prominent West German delegation includes Prof. Karl Hans Laerman, a civil engineering specialist from Wuppertal, who is a member of the Bundestag and deputy chairman of its Committee for Science, Research and Technology. He will stay on for a week after the conference ends tomorrow to tour the country.

For fear of the war situation here, as described in their country's media, most of the participants did not bring their wives. But now that they can evaluate the situation for themselves, many are trying to prolong their stay.

Stress analysis covers everything from airplanes and buildings to the human body. It is becoming an important facet of bio-engineering, particularly regarding artificial joints and organs. It also aids surgeons in corrective operations by enabling them to calculate the mechanical stresses the various parts of the body are subject to.

Video cassettes big business despite inroads of piracy

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The latest craze here is video movies, and all those Israelis rich enough to purchase a video system have been running out and acquiring 10,000 to 20,000 video cassettes monthly, according to distributors.

These cassettes can be bought or borrowed from "libraries" against a considerable membership fee. But since most local distributors do not have the rights to deal with movies produced by the large companies, piracy runs rampant.

Many video-system owners fall victim to dealers of low quality cassettes which are illegally copied. What's more, the established movie distributors are always on the lookout for pirate video-cassette dealers, and if your dealer's store or "library" get raided and their stocks confiscated by the police for being illegally copied, your membership fees have gone down the drain.

The General Music Company Video (a subsidiary of Med Artzi) has purchased the video distribution

rights of movies made by Warner Brothers and United Artists, which will be rented out in library fashion as of next week.

These cassettes will not be on sale to stores, for fear of illegal reproduction. But they will be leased at some 30 outlets run by authorized dealers, to ensure the high quality of the cassettes, says Avi Brand of General Music Company Video. Another measure, which guarantees the cassettes' quality is copying them from the master cassette in England, under the strict supervision of the film companies' dealers. Hebrew subtitles are already put onto the master cassette.

Brand promises at least 60 "good" movies within the next few months, and at least 5 to 10 new ones each successive month. The titles already available as of next week include *Blazing Saddles*, *Ten*, *All the President's Men*, *Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds*, *Barbie* and *Cyde*, *The Main Event*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *Bugs Bunny* and *Road Runner* for kids, and many others.

Farm exports to be cut

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will cut agricultural exports by 5 to 10 per cent next season, Agriculture Ministry Director-General Meir Ben-Meir said on Monday.

Ben-Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* that the cuts will be made in crops showing low profitability. Because the exchange rate of European currencies compared to the U.S. dollar has been falling for the past two years, the export of crops to Europe has become less profitable, he said. However, there will be an increase in exports of crops which have been

fetching higher prices.

Ben-Meir also reported that the ministry has decided to cut the guaranteed minimum price to farmers by 10 per cent. Although this means that farmers will receive less money in case the price of their crops falls on world markets, the government will save money and, in the longer run, farmers will be encouraged to grow more profitable crops.

Ben-Meir said that he is confident that by introducing new methods of growing, harvesting, packaging and marketing, Israeli agricultural exports could once again become a profitable branch.

MK offers Likud El Al 'vote insurance'

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour MK Gad Ya'acobi came up with a novel proposal Monday to keep El Al flying on the Sabbath — having the Alignment "insure" the government against any punitive measures which Agudat Yisrael might take against it.

As Ya'acobi sees it, the Likud only accedes to the Agudat's demands for Sabbath and holiday grounding of El Al because it fears that the ultra-Orthodox party may bolt the coalition and bring the government down. Ya'acobi proposes to relieve the government of this anxiety.

Thus he suggests that "in cases which the government's very survival would depend on Agudat's four

MKs, the Alignment would not bring down the government. This would mean an effective but to further encroachments on the status quo in religious affairs."

Ya'acobi adds that such an arrangement would also rob Liberal MKs of the excuse for voting for El Al's Sabbath closure on the grounds that they would thereby be saving the coalition.

Both the Alignment and the Likud were very cool to the idea yesterday. Alignment sources told *The Jerusalem Post*, "The party is unlikely to underwrite the government's future survival," while Likud sources maintained that "it is unthinkable that we put the future existence of the government in Labour's hands and effectively be at the opposition's mercy."

STOLEN PICTURE. — Artist Lani Bonwit is offering a \$2,500 reward for the return of a painting stolen last Thursday from an exhibition of her works in the Little Gallery at the Beit Rothschild Community Centre, Central Carmel.

CAPITAL MOVE. — The roads department and central administration offices of the Public Works Department have moved from Tel Aviv to the new government complex in East Jerusalem. The new telephone number is (02)277211.

Greece has the world's largest merchant fleet

NEW YORK. — Greece, with 2,876 ships, has the biggest merchant ship fleet in the world, according to U.S. government figures. But in actual tonnage, Liberia is easily the world's number one merchant shipping power, with a total of 158 million deadweight tons of ships at sea, which is more than twice Greece's total.

These figures are cited by the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, in a study of the decline of the U.S. merchant fleet. In the study, Morgan recalls that "30 years ago the U.S. fleet numbered 4,000 and ranked number one."

Now there are only 569 privately owned American merchant ships and the U.S. ranks only 11th in the world, behind Greece, the Soviet Union, Liberia, Panama, Japan, Britain, Singapore, China, Norway, and Italy.

In actual tonnage, the order is Liberia, Greece, Japan, Britain, Norway, Panama, the Soviet Union, France and Italy.

High wages have contributed to the U.S. decline. Morgan Guaranty says, pointing out that the captain of a U.S. merchant ship is paid on average "more than \$17,000 a month, double the compensation of a Swedish master."

Shipping wheat from the U.S. to Egypt on a U.S.-flag vessel costs \$122 a ton, the bank says, whereas a Greek ship could do it for \$30 a ton.

ENERGY. — The Agriculture Ministry together with various settlement organisations is conducting a study on the use of energy in rural settlements. Based on the study, steps to save electricity will be taken.

BIG LOAN. — The DG-Bank, the West German cooperative bank, announced yesterday it will take part in the domestic banking consortium's plan to grant a 1.1 billion-mark (\$458m.) loan to AEG-Telefunken, the financially-stricken electrical group.

Argentine economy minister quits after 54 days

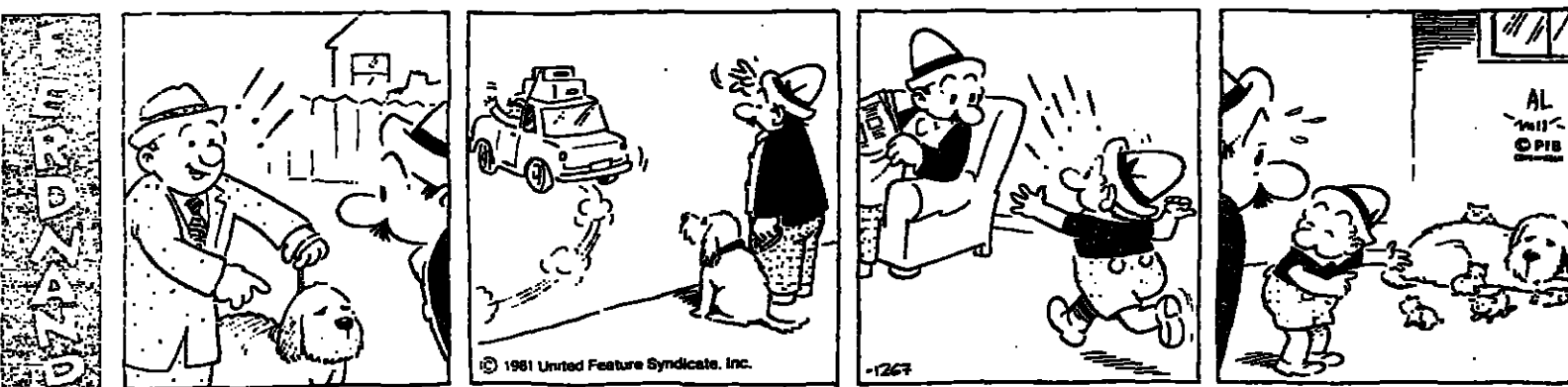
BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Economy Minister Jose Maria Dagnino Pastore resigned yesterday after 54 days in the job in an apparent dispute with the military government over wage increases and economic policy.

Dagnino Pastore told President Reynaldo Bignone Monday he planned to resign, and made the resignation formal in a letter yesterday, government sources said.

Dagnino Pastore was the latest in a series of more than two dozen ministers who have tried to control Argentina's economy during the past 30 years.

His economic programme has consisted of a 180-degree shift from the five-year-old free market economic policy instituted by Jose Martinez de Hoz. Under the new programme, Dagnino Pastore let the dollar float against the peso, causing the dollar to skyrocket in value from 18,400 pesos in July to about 60,000 pesos on the black market now.

The government was to announce an emergency wage increase for all employees — state and private — yesterday to ward off threatened strikes, but it was not clear whether Dagnino Pastore's resignation would delay the move.



WHAT'S ON

Jerusalem Museums: Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Art for Human's Sake; Humour in contemporary art; Old Gods and Young Heroes; Pearlman collection of Maya Ceramics; Statements in Contemporary photography; Jewish Treasures from Paris, from collections of Chayim Yussim and Constance; On the Surface, approaches to paint and canvas in art of our times; Toys and Games in the Ancient World (Rockefeller Museum); Colour (Paley Centre, next to Rockefeller Museum); Chaim Klee, new paintings; Gift of M.C. Escher's graphic work (Tulim and August); Special Exhibit: Plaque Armour (Rockefeller Museum); Special Exhibit: Adornment of a Jewish Bride, according to tradition of Herat, Afghanistan; Three Lays Cast in Bronze, from Samaria, 6th-8th B.C.E.; Special Exhibit: In memory of Barones Aida de Rothschild, selection of jewelry, Perle, Israeli products; Exhibition for children: Touch: Artists' Tribute to Bertha Urfang; Special Exhibit: Menorah by Tish, based on electronic feedback and vibration.

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5, At 11: Guided tour in English, 10.30 and 3.30; "The Circus" (Charlie Chaplin) film, 11 and 4; Free performance for children, "The Tamed Animal" with Teregoel Theatre (free with admission ticket), 12.30; Art films, "Images, Art Nouveau", "Kandinsky", Ernst, Leger, Steinberg (free with admission ticket), 12: "Walden", four traditions of wandering puppet shows with Alina Aschul and Michael Shuster.

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2 He and an Edwardian get angry (6)	3 Air passage (6)	4 A binding engagement for footballers (3)	5 Makes for the shade? (5)	6 Provincial expression for "beer" in some dictionaries (7)	7 Hits into the covers, we hear (4)	8 Like imports formerly requiring much notice (6)	12 They are thought to occur (5)	13 Me boy's grub! (5)	14 Giant canned potato centre (5)	15 The answer needn't be a lemon (5)	16 Simplicitons on the air? (5)	18 Disparaging term for a sneak (5)	19 In which to carry latches? (7)	21 Start liberating some Yanks in North Africa (6)	22 Bright as astronomy? (6)	23 Promise to uncle? (6)	25 Wear ostentatiously for fun (5)	26 Opportunity to get cheap ales (4)	28 Caty tantrum (3)	

ACROSS — 1. Supper, 7. Upper, 8. The, 19. Cl., 20. 11. Snog, 14. Got, 16. Sate, 17. Roon, 18. Decoy, 21. Put on (rev), 22. Lento, 23. Fast, 26. Janus, 28. Oil, 29. Edible, 30. Cereal (serial), 31. O-wee, 32. Mashed, 33. Estate.

DOWN — 1. Smoother, 2. Polon, 3. Reed, 4. Vase, 5. So-o, 6. Says, 8. To-g, 9. Let, 12. May, 13. New, 15. Betty, 18. Comes, 18. Erred, 19. Lop, 20. Van, 21. Niblick, 22. Rob, 23. Pilot, 24. Afox, 25. Ending, 26. Deeds, 27. Miser, 28. Oar, 30. Cede.

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First things first

MANY, but mixed, signals have been coming from Washington during the past week. On Monday, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a TV interview, appeared to be flirting speculatively with the notion of a Palestinian state. Earlier, the new Secretary of State, George Shultz, seemed to hint that the U.S. was preparing to put forth new proposals to solve the Palestinian issue that might go beyond the confines of the Camp David agreement, though still bearing the Camp David label.

A constant in the Washington wordage is the focus on the Palestinian problem. It is as if the Reagan Administration had decided that the war in Lebanon, triggered by such a conflict, which it believes compromises its position in the Arab world, to recur. The Palestinian issue would now have to be solved, once and for all.

There is an alternative explanation for the Washington statements, namely that they serve more as a device to deflect Arab criticism now than a guide to decisions made.

But in either case the U.S. is raising expectations. And that in itself can be dangerous.

No matter how disturbed the Administration was by the outbreak of the war, the manner in which it escalated and the long agony in West Beirut, that in itself cannot be a basis for policy. Rather it is the consequences of the war which the U.S., like Israel and all the other parties, must now address.

Certainly, for the U.S., one of the consequences is the enhancement of its role and leverage in the Middle East, and a comparable decline in the position of the Soviet Union and its radical Arab clients.

That leverage should not now be squandered in trying, impatiently, to force instant solutions for a still intractable problem. For at the present time, even those Arab states who were not displeased by the PLO's defeat in Lebanon, would feel obliged to give Yasser Arafat something tantamount to veto rights on any negotiations over the West Bank.

Moreover, any such negotiations would be made even more intractable by the still unsettled problems in Lebanon.

If the Reagan Administration is genuinely serious about seeking what are termed "Palestinian solutions," the wise course would be to postpone that until after it has achieved "Lebanese solutions." It now has the power and prestige for such a sequence: the question is whether it has the will and the deftness.

Such an agenda would mean to focus now on helping to strengthen the new Lebanese government, while pushing it to be truly national and unifying, and to energetically pursue negotiations to achieve Syrian and Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

These are achievable goals. They are common goals. They are also urgent, for until they are reached there remains the continuing danger of renewed hostilities between Syria and Israel. And unless they are achieved, Syria and the PLO forces still in Lebanon could wield that danger at will to undercut any initiative on the Palestinian issue that is not to their liking.

The Reagan Administration cannot afford to permit conventional wisdom about the centrality of the Palestinian problem, or heart-rending pictures on TV screens, or any retaliatory desire to cut the Begin-Sharon duo down to size, to divert American policy from a rational diplomatic course.

The issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict are too serious for that. The interests of all the parties — including the U.S. — are too important for that. And the Palestinian problem itself is too real for unrealistic departures.

Bitterness and pessimism

By DAVID MANDEL

NEARLY four years ago, in November 1978, chief PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labadi and other PLO officials I spoke to in West Beirut were uncannily confident about the future of their struggle. Despite Egypt's withdrawal from the confrontation with Israel, the Arab "Steadfastness Front" had just been born, following a Baghdad summit conference, and a short-lived rapprochement between Iraq and Syria, in close coordination with the PLO, was at its height. Even the Lebanese civil war was showing signs of heading for a compromise solution, catalyzed by the shock of Camp David.

Things obviously did not work out as the PLO hoped. Camp David was not enough, or perhaps, combined with the Iranian revolution and its aftermath, it was too much of a jolt to the region for such unity to last. The result: by June 1982, Israel was able to conquer half of Lebanon, deal a crushing military blow to Syria and the PLO, and virtually dictate terms of the latter's humiliating exodus from that country, all while the rest of the Arab world did little more than verbally condemn and offer some refuge to the defeated.

Last week, when we met again in the eerie silence of West Beirut's Fakhani quarter, Labadi's calm, diplomatic optimism was gone. Instead, there was tension, anger and bitterness, mixed with some resignation at the unknown ahead after the imminent Beirut exodus. Yet, with all his uncertainty about how, when and where, Labadi was sure that "the struggle will go on, as long as the Palestinian people still exist."

With even the more or less established order of Beirut's partition in shambles after the IDF's advance across the Green Line to the racetrack, it was amazingly easy to cross from Israeli to PLO-held territory and back. The stretch of land in front of Parliament House was in the process of being ceremoniously handed back to the Lebanese Army, to make possible the holding of the presidential election.

As several dozen journalists stood by, small groups of Beirutis were filing past a makeshift Lebanese checkpoint, and from the PLO flag fluttering 100 metres and two bulldozed earth ramps to the west, along what four years ago, when I crossed from the other side, was still a pleasant boulevard. There was no shooting in the vicinity, so I discreetly joined one of the small groups trekking westward.

At the equally makeshift checkpoint under the red, white, green and black banner, I clearly stood out, wearing shorts and totting only a camera bag. But the guards were polite, and when I explained that I was a journalist and wanted to

know where I could find Mahmoud Labadi, they directed me to a waiting taxi whose driver knew where to find him.

PLO OFFICES were all that seemed to be left in the once-teeming Arab University area, into which they had blended during my previous visit. And even the PLO was apparently functioning primarily on the streets and in building lobbies, where groups of men, mostly out of uniform, sat around. Not that the buildings were in ruins; except for an occasional pile of rubble, most are standing, though many have gaping holes or are charred, and there was hardly an intact pane of glass to be seen. Apparently there is a limit to the structural damage that can be inflicted with even the most "advanced" air and projectile bombs, though their effect on human beings was indicated by the fact that otherwise, this and other heavily hit sections of the city resembled ghost towns.

Labadi was not in, but would return in 30 minutes, a young man who seemed to hold some authority said. I asked if we could meanwhile drive around town to assess the situation, and while there was not enough time to get the necessary permit for a visit to the refugee camps to the south, anywhere else was okay, he said.

The taxi driver knew all the "sights": the heavily damaged Soviet embassy compound, the seacoast hotels with gaping holes in their sides from naval shells, the eight-storey apartment building where Arafat wasn't, which had been levelled two weeks before, allegedly by a mysterious single bomb — bulldozers were still clearing away the rubble there, and according to the driver, a few more bodies were still being discovered every day. As we stopped to look, an ambulance pulled away, and a middle-aged woman was shouting something about her daughter.

The Hamra commercial centre was as alive as I remembered it, but different: traffic was jammed, perhaps more than warranted by the number of cars, though, because most shopkeepers had moved their wares outside, onto the sidewalks and even streets. Here, major damage seemed relatively slight, and even a fair number of taped or sandbagged window panes were intact. There was no shortage of fresh food for sale, though I didn't stop to check prices, and, amazingly enough, drinks were calmly being sipped at a few sidewalk cafes. Anywhere else, events of the last

two months would probably have killed urban life. But Beirut had already survived over seven years of war.

THE TAXI DRIVER was perhaps "typical," if there is such a thing, of West Beirut Lebanese. "Because it is my home," was his reply when asked why he stayed. At one point during the tour, he pointed out his relatively unscathed house. He sympathized with the Palestinians' cause, and had nothing nice to say about Israel's bombing or its Lebanese allies across the Green Line, but nevertheless, he readily said that it would be better for Lebanon if at least the armed PLO fighters leave.

Looking back, the statement does not actually appear so extraordinary, for at the time, the Palestinians themselves had already agreed to the Habib plan, "to save Beirut." But the driver's lack of hesitation or emotion in mentioning the exodus contrasted sharply with the resentment in PLO spokesman Labadi's utterances on the subject.

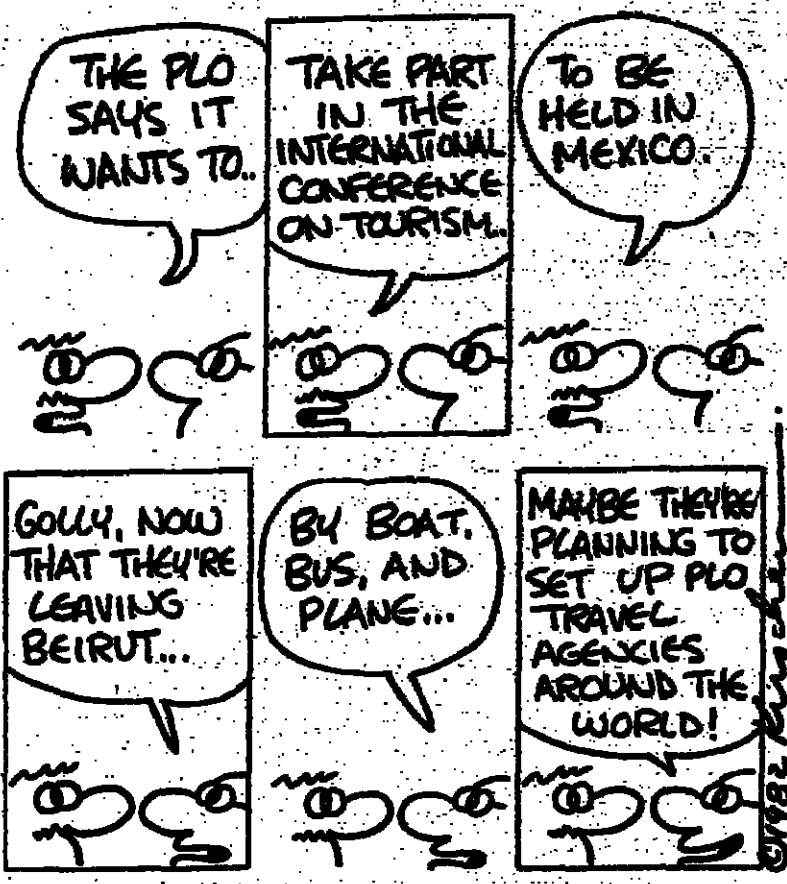
An hour after our first attempt to find him, Labadi had returned to his "office": a tattered bench and some chairs in the lobby of a building in the university area. Across the street, a tow truck was trying, unsuccessfully, to haul off a 1½-metre long bomb which had failed to explode. On a table next to that, were about 100 smaller shells on display, most of them "made in USA," the spokesman snarled. Labadi would not comment on the then final stages of the negotiations, nor would he speculate about where his men would be going and how they would pursue the continuing struggle. So instead, we spoke more generally of the prospects for peace with Israel. Labadi was both explicitly forthcoming and petulantly discouraged.

Obviously having been barraged by innumerable journalists' and diplomats' queries about "recognizing Israel and halting terror attacks," Labadi launched into a scathing denunciation of such demands by the Western establishment and "some Israeli moderates."

"I could 'recognize' you," he said, "and at the same time keep fighting. So what is the meaning of this demand? We do not threaten Israel's existence — anyone who thinks otherwise is crazy. So why do you demand guarantees and recognition from us?"

"It is we who need recognition. But instead, you, who are bombing our camps, occupying our lands, invading Lebanon, demand that we, the victims, give up our right to fight back and recognize you when you do such things. Why should we take the first step?"

Dry Bones



I SUGGESTED that perhaps many Israelis support their government's policies only because they believe there is "no choice," that there is no alternative of peace with the Palestinians.

Labadi was sceptical. To him, the PLO's offer of peace has been made clear: "We proposed living together with all the Israelis in a single state. When they refused this, we offered to accept our self-determination in only those territories from which Israel will withdraw — to give up two-thirds of Palestine. What more do you want?"

Would a West Bank-Gaza Strip state establish normal, peaceful relations with Israel? I asked, trying to get him to be more specific.

"Hopefully," was the reply, "if Israel wanted peace."

The words were much more explicit than those of PLO officials four years ago, but as far as Labadi was concerned, it was not a new position, formulated under pressure of the Beirut siege. To my surprise, he recalled PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's recent pledge, made in writing to U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey, to accept all UN resolutions on the Israel-Palestine conflict, including those dealing with Israel's existence.

But there was confusion as to what Arafat really meant, I pointed out. (McCloskey, a few days after his meeting with Arafat, accused three PLO spokesmen of retracting Arafat's reported acceptance of all UN resolutions on Palestine, including 242.) If Arafat and Labadi were expressing the PLO's true

stand, then the message was not getting across to Israelis.

"No confusion," one of Labadi's aides interrupted. The chairman meant all UN resolutions, and what the chairman says, goes.

"Israel is deliberately confusing things by misrepresenting or ignoring our statements," Labadi added. "The question is: Do you want to live in peace with your neighbours or not? If so, then you must recognize our rights to our own state and give up expansionist ideas."

Peace, therefore, is possible, according to Labadi, between Israel and a Palestinian state. But he is pessimistic. "I'm afraid that Israelis do not want peace. Both major parties, the Likud and the Ma'arach (he pronounced their names in excellent Hebrew), deny our rights. The others, like Shelli and the Communists, are marginal."

Finally, the discouraging conclusion. "Peace will come when we receive our rights. Today, Israel, backed by the U.S. (which Labadi believes is captive to the Jewish lobby), is instead bombing us in Lebanon and oppressing us in the West Bank and Gaza. As long as this is the case, we have a right to resist, a right to throw bombs in Jerusalem. Israel will only change when it suffers enough losses."

Labadi's words, stated by a man who had just seen Israel get its way in Beirut by force of arms, were sobering, juxtaposed with Menachem Begin's latest prediction that Israel has now gained "40 years of peace."

READERS' LETTERS

HELP FOR CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We should like to appeal to the many retired residents of Jerusalem — both veterans and newcomers — to join the Savta Club. Our group, mainly from the English-speaking countries, has, for more than 20 years, been combining a warm social group with a humanitarian project — helping the children at the Alyn Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre.

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JULIA HALPERN
Jerusalem.

SOVIET WRITERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just read, with great interest and greater astonishment, Lauren Kettler's book review (August 13). She writes: "on August 12, 1952, 24 of the leading Jewish writers in the Soviet Union were murdered. Peretz Markish, Itzik Fefer, Isaak Babel, David Bergelson, Anna Akhmatova... the list goes on."

The list needn't. Isaak Babel died in Siberia in 1941, and Anna Akhmatova in Leningrad in 1966. What's more, Anna Akhmatova was neither executed nor Jewish.

ZYGMUNT FRANKEL
Ramat Gan.

LEBANESE VIEWS EXPLAINED IN U.S.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In a recent letter to the Editor, Rina Nahumi spoke of the encouraging statements of May Murr, Lebanese Christian poet, who was interviewed on Israeli television. Ms. Nahumi hoped that May Murr would be telling her views abroad, to correct the misinformation given by much of the world press.

May Murr and her husband, Alfred El-Murr, have been travelling in the U.S., Canada and Europe to speak out on the past and present situation in Lebanon. Mr. El-Murr feels the Israeli incursion into Lebanon is a godsend. Mona Khoury, President of the Lebanese Women's Association, is also speaking in the U.S.

Concerned Christians and Jews are assisting these gallant Lebanese citizens in their efforts to bring their views of the PLO-Syrian occupation to the attention of the public and the press.

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